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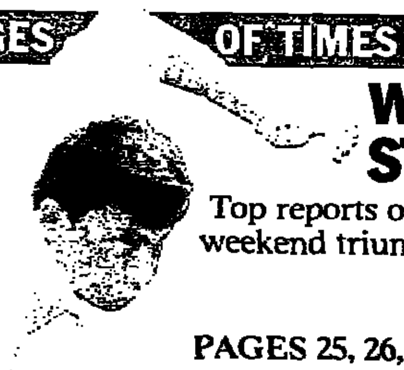

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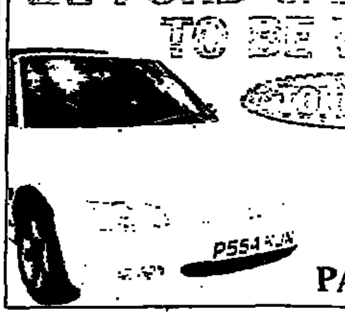

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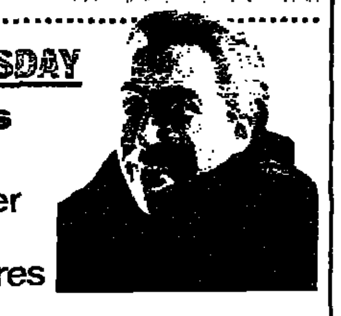

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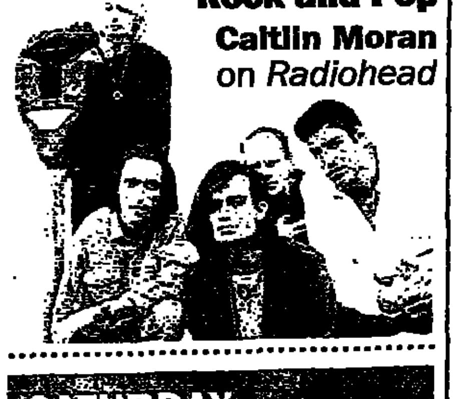

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Tory Right battles for chance to beat Clarke

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FEROCIOUS battle is going on between the three right-wing Tory leadership contenders to let one take over the mantle of the Right to stop Kenneth Clarke or William Hague from winning.

Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and John Redwood agree that the Right has no chance of winning the election unless two of the three bow out after the first ballot which takes place tomorrow.

Lady Thatcher has also made clear to all three that only one of them should go forward for the second ballot. Her friends say that she is not backing William Hague and was disappointed by her meeting with him. But they claim that she will not support any of the three rightwingers, until they agree which one should go forward.

But Mr Howard, who appears to be emerging as the strongest of the three, is adamant that in "no foreseeable circumstances" will he make way for either of the others.

He is now trying to get Mr Lilley to agree to deal that he should go forward to represent the Right, even if Mr Lilley does marginally better than him in the first ballot. In return he will offer him the post as Shadow Chancellor.

"I think it is certainly the case that whoever comes fourth or fifth are going to find it very difficult to imagine that they could go on to win subsequently," said Mr Lilley.

"I would expect therefore they would stand down and I would appeal to a very large number of their supporters to come over to me," Mr Lilleysaid in an interview on *Breakfast with Frost*.

Asked whether he would step down if he was fourth or fifth, he declined to answer but a member of his campaign team agreed that he would.

Mr Howard's camp however suggest that their man should go forward irrespective of the result unless there is a "landslide " for Mr Lilley. They argue that their man is the only one who could beat Mr Clarke. One of Mr Howard's team, said that consideration should also be taken of MPs' second preferences. "Almost three quarters of John Redwood's supporters would come to us."

One of Mr Lilley's supporters conceded that he might rally to Mr Howard if the two have similar votes in the first ballot, even if the former Social Security Secretary does better. But his campaign team dismissed this as nonsense saying that Mr Lilley expected whoever came third to go through as a unity candidate.

Mr Howard insisted last night that he should be the clear challenger to Mr Clarke. "The breadth of my support indicates that I am best placed to unify the party and win in the later rounds. I therefore hope that Peter Lilley and John Redwood will support me after the first ballot."

Mr Redwood strongly denied suggestions that he was trailing behind the other two and indicated that he had no intention of dropping out whatever the result. "I intend to carry on because I think the party has to make a decision," he told Sky News's *Sunday*.

Meanwhile Mr Clarke said that even if the three right-wingers lined up against him, not all their supporters would necessarily follow. "There are not blocs of marshalled voters being led by one person who can turn round to them and tell them to vote for somebody else," he told BBC1's *On the Record*.

He said that the leadership ballot would not end the internal party debate on Europe and made it clear that he rejected Mr Redwood's demand that anyone who served in a Shadow Cabinet led by him would have to accept the Tories would never take Britain into a single currency.

But he risked alienating Eurosceptics by refusing to give a commitment that he would hold a referendum on a single currency if he became Prime Minister. He insisted that the manifesto commitment to a referendum only referred to the current Parliament.

Technically all five contenders could go through to the second ballot which is contested next Tuesday, June 17, but only two can go forward in a third ballot, which would take place on June 19.

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Howard: trying to get Lilley to do a deal

JOHN GILES

Players salute Darren Gough for taking the wicket of Mark Waugh as England scent victory with one full day to spare

England favourites for the Ashes

BY ALAN LEE

AFTER a victory as emphatic and significant as any in England's erratic recent past, the Ashes — still the gauge of this country's cricketing fortunes — are once more attainable.

The bookmakers responded last night by making England even-money favourites to win the series.

England won the first of the six Tests by nine wickets at Edgbaston thereby taking the lead in an Ashes series after a decade of Australian supremacy that has seen England claim only two victories against 14. The crowd, close to capacity for the fourth successive day, joyfully invaded the field after Michael Atherton, the captain, and Alec Stewart had swept England to the win with an unbroken partnership of 90 from only 18 overs.

Atherton, whose abiding ambition is to beat Australia after being part of four resounding series defeats, finished unbeaten on 57 and passed 5,000 Test runs.

"We have felt for some time that we have been on the up," he said. "To beat Australia is a real feather in our cap."England had dictated the game from the outset, taking eight Australian wickets for 54 in an astonishing first session last Thursday. They built a first-innings lead of 360 with more than half the playing hours still available but were then held up as Australia fought back.

Mark Taylor, whose place as Australia's captain was at risk after a string of low scores, preserved his own future with 129 and there was a further century from Greg Blewett, who has now scored hundreds in each of his three Ashes Tests.

But with three wickets each for the two outstanding characters of their rebuilt side, Darren Gough and Robert Croft, England finally dismissed Australia for 477 to leave a winning target of 118.

The England team is likely to be kept together for the second Test, which starts at Lord's on Thursday.

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Ahern plans a minority Government

BY AUDREY MAGEE

BERTIE AHERN, the leader of Fianna Fail, will be the next Irish Prime Minister after his political opponents conceded defeat last night.

Fianna Fail won 77 seats in the 166-seat Dail, the party's best result in eight years. But Mr Ahern will form a coalition with the small Progressive Democrats, led by Mary Harney.

Sinn Fein's first MP in the Irish Republic in 40 years could play a pivotal role.

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"Wonderful news! I've managed to buy tickets for the fifth day."

Opposition help

Civil servants are to be seconded to the Opposition to enable the leader and other frontbenchers to be better briefed for Commons debates and to undertake their parliamentary duties more effectively ....Page 5

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The Government is to produce guidelines for police dealing with paedophiles after officers expressed concern at the imminent release of a child attacker ....Page 4

'Rebel warriors rush to kill me'

Moments after landing at a Sierra Leone jungle air strip, **Anthony Loyd** was attacked by warriors armed with machetes, rifles and rockets

I AM alone on a deserted jungle airstrip in Sierra Leone, covered in petrol, $3,000 in cash stuffed down my crutch, and expensive satellite equipment at my feet. The helicopter that dropped me in this lonely place has long since gone.

Of the Nigerian force anticipated to secure the landing strip there is no sign. For a moment I think that this is as bad as things can get. Then scores of warriors emerge from the jungle, clad in rags and leaves, and armed with everything from machetes to assault rifles and rocket grenades. They are fighters from the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) who have formed a new alliance with Sierra Leone's military coup leaders after six years of bush war.

Wide-eyed and whooping they run upon me. I have nowhere to escape and for a second I feel as if I have walked by accident and in solitude onto the set of *Zulu Dawn*. I remember the warnings of the West African economic co-operation group (Ecomog) offices in Liberia who made me sign a waiver on my life before I could board their helicopter to this destination. I remember the aircraft's strange crew: the three Russians and the American. I remember the way the Nigerian troops had drawn lots amongst themselves in Liberia to select the two accompanying troopers; the panic in these two men's eyes as we landed: their relief as they left.

I had barely hit the ground after the first rifle blow to my head from the RUF when a ring is ripped

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Fianna Fail success will delight Sinn Fein and unsettle Unionists

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

BERTIE AHERN'S narrow success in the Irish general election will herald a radical overhaul of Dublin's approach to Northern Ireland that will delight nationalists and unsettle Unionists.

The Fianna Fail leader made clear during the election campaign that he would be batting strongly on behalf of nationalists as Taoiseach. In a bitter exchange with John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, Mr Ahern criticised his opponent for going soft on Unionists and the British Government while in office.

A Fianna Fail-led Government will have no qualms about criticising Unionists if ministers believe that they are holding up progress at the multiparty talks at Stormont. Mr Ahern will also press Britain hard to grant a series of concessions to Sinn Fein, such as providing a cast-iron guarantee of a place at talks soon after an IRA ceasefire.

Mr Ahern underlined his new approach yesterday when he said he would meet Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, within days. However the Fianna Fail leader made clear that he would use the meeting to insist the IRA must declare a ceasefire. His statement, which would have been unthinkable under Mr Bruton, was carefully crafted to try to wean Sinn Fein down the political path without appearing to condone IRA violence.

Mr Ahern's strongly pro-nationalist stance derives from the historical roots of Fianna Fail. The party was founded in the mid-1920s by Eamon De Valera from the remnants of the IRA faction that fought and lost the Irish Civil War of 1922-23 over its opposition to the partition of Ireland. Although Fianna Fail has progressed considerably since its early days — most notably by embracing the principle of consent over Northern Ireland — there is a still a strongly republican streak within the party which blames Britain's handling of Northern Ireland for the collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

Northern Ireland will provide one of the most difficult areas for Mr Ahern in balancing his coalition Government because his potential partners have widely differing views. The small Progressive Democrats, which broke away from Fianna Fail in the mid-1980s partly because of the party's republicanism, will push Mr Ahern to adopt an even-handed approach to Northern Ireland. However Mr Ahern will face pressure from a small number of fiercely republican independent TDs (MPs) whose parliamentary support will be crucial to his survival.

Harry Blaney, who was elected in Donegal North East, a constituency that runs along the border with Northern Ireland, hopes to form a republican block with Caoimhghin O Caolain, the new Sinn Fein TD, and Jackie Healy-Rae, the independent Fianna Fail TD for South Kerry. Mr Blaney said: "We'll be the republican boys. We'd all be at one on knowing what's needed — and that's a British declaration of intent to withdraw."

His remarks filled Unionists with horror yesterday as they mourned the departure of John Bruton — *their greatest-ever friend* in Dublin — and braced for a Fianna Fail Government. One senior Ulster Unionist said his party had blown its chances of improving relations with the Irish Republic after spurning Mr Bruton's conciliatory approach while he was in office. The source said: "John Bruton was the best friend we have ever had in Dublin and we threw it away. That is a pity."

Steering Mr Ahern around the minefield of Northern Ireland will be a figure who played a pivotal role in Anglo-Irish relations when Fianna Fail was last in power between 1987-94.

Martin Mansergh, a Protestant with Anglo-Irish roots, led Fianna Fail's early talks with Sinn Fein in the late 1980s and helped to draw up the 1993 Downing Street Declaration.

Ireland faces turmoil as Ahern seeks a majority

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

IRELAND faces weeks of political instability as Bertie Ahern, the Fianna Fail leader, tries to cobble together a working majority that will elect him as Prime Minister.

Mr Ahern is two seats short of an overall majority of 83 following the collapse of support for the Progressive Democrats, his right-wing coalition partners who yesterday ended up with only four seats, 11 less than they had been predicting at the outset of the election campaign. Mary Harney, the Democrats' leader, and Des O'Malley, the party's founder, struggled to retain their seats. Michael McDowell, the party's strategist, was defeated by Green Party candidate, John Gormley. A recount was undertaken in Mr McDowell's constituency last night.

But the electorate also swung strongly against left-wing parties, opting instead for the old Irish civil war allegiances of Fianna Fail or Fine Gael, who respectively won 77 and 54 of the 166 seats available.

Labour, Progressive Democrats and Democratic Left were squeezed out as some voters turned in protest to Sinn Fein, left-wing parties, the Greens and Independents, who between them secured 15 per cent of the vote. Six independents were elected, many of them single-issue candidates, including Thomas Gildea who is demanding cheap-rate British television for Donegal.

Fianna Fail's share of the vote increased by only 0.2 per cent to 39.3 per cent, rendering it one of the worst results for the republican and conservative party. Fine Gael increased its share of the vote by 3.4 per cent to 27.9 per cent — a good result but still a far cry from 1982 when, under the leadership of Garret Fitzgerald, the party won 70 seats. Mr Ahern said yesterday that the Progressive Democrats' right-wing policies of 25,000 job cuts in the public sector, amendments in payments to single mothers and plans for water charges had not endeared Ms Harney and her party to the electorate.

He said, however, that he would honour his pre-election commitment and form a government with Ms Harney, although she is unlikely to become deputy prime minister as originally anticipated.

But Mr Ahern faces difficulty. He can enter government as a minority coalition, depending when necessary on Indpendents such as Jackie Healy-Rae of South Kerry and Harry Blaney of Donegal North East. They may also enter negotiations to form a government with Mr Blaney and Mr Healy-Rae or opt to include the Green Party who won two seats in Dublin.

The negotiations will come at a high price, however. Mr Healy-Rae has already outlined that he will support Mr Ahern if he receives a promise of heavy investment in roads and jobs for his constituency.

Labour ended up with just 17 MPs, losing a number of high-profile names, including the Education Minister Niamh Breathnach and the junior Foreign Minister Joan Burton who topped the Dublin West poll in 1992.

The collapse was blamed on the 1992 decision to go into government with Fianna Fail about whom Dick Spring, the party leader, had been vitriolic while in opposition. Mr Spring said yesterday that Labour would go into opposition and tackle the Government, rather than repeat the mistake of 1992.

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KEVIN LARMARQUE

Bertie Ahern, the Fianna Fail leader, with his partner Celia Larkin at the count in Dublin on Saturday night

Acceptance of leader's love life reflects change in Irish society

By Audrey Magee

BERTIE AHERN would be the first Prime Minister of Ireland who is separated from his wife and living with another woman.

If he becomes Taoiseach, the electoral success of the 45-year-old leader of Fianna Fail will be testimony to a huge shift in Roman Catholic Ireland's attitudes to marriage and relationships. Only six years ago, Mr Ahern failed to take the leadership of his party because of disquiet over his marital status.

Now, as the most popular politician in the country, Mr Ahern says that his current relationship is no longer an issue. He turned up at the count in Dublin with his partner, Celia Larkin, on Saturday night, and they posed for photographers. He told *The Times* that he had made his relationship public seven or eight years ago. "Thousands of people are separated in this country. It is not as easy as Britain where half of the House of Commons is divorced and on their second marriage."

Fine Gael, the main party in the previous government, raised the issue of marital status at the start of the three-week election campaign when it produced leaflets showing the Taoiseach, John Bruton, with his wife Finola to the foreground. Mr and Mrs Bruton and Fine Gael denied trying to capitalise on Mr Ahern's long-standing separation and his relationship with Ms Larkin, a 37-year-old Fianna Fail party worker.

But on the streets the Fine Gael leaflets raised the hackles of some supporters. Nora Murphy, a 72-year-old grandmother from Ballintubber, Co Mayo, claimed that Fine Gael was wrong to try to score points on Mr Ahern's personal relationships. She said: "There are thousands and thousands of people who are separated now, even in small towns like this. We are all at it and I don't believe that it makes any difference any more whether you are married, separated or living with someone."

The psychiatrist Anthony Clare said that Irish morals had changed enormously over the past 20 years with the secularisation of society and the decreasing power of the Catholic Church. Divorce had now become legal. He said: "I think that there would be an interest in Ms Larkin if Bertie Ahern took her to international events but no more than there would be in Finola Bruton. I don't think that it would cause any great stir. Things have changed too much."

Professor Clare, who is medical director of St Patrick's Hospital in Dublin, said that Mr Ahern had broken the mould in Fianna Fail by becoming the first separated person to lead the party.

"Fianna Fail is the most difficult party to make that kind of change in because of their republicanism and conservatism 'with a small c'," he said. "But that generation of green republicans and Catholic conservatives is part of an older generation that is on the way out. It will be quite a landmark of change if he does become Taoiseach."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cook's EMU doubts

Robin Cook claimed that recent events in Germany and France had made it much less likely that a European single currency would go ahead in 1999. The Foreign Secretary warned against easing any of the economic criteria for EU countries to join monetary union and implied that the recent dispute between the Bundesbank and the German Government had raised "significant questions" as to whether the 1999 timetable could be reached.

On BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* he confirmed that it was unlikely that Britain would want to join in the first wave, but he now considered it less than 50/50 that EMU would start before the end of the century. "The last week has raised some very significant questions in the minds of politicians on the Continent and commentators in this country."

Synod attack on royals

Church attendance by members of the Royal Family is to be criticised at the General Synod's meeting in York next month. Philip Gore, a lay member of the synod, claims the public feels let down by the royals' example. Mr Gore's question for the meeting reads: "During this decade of evangelism, what consideration has been given to encourage members of the Royal Family and senior politicians to attend public worship on Sundays?"

BA counters strike threat

A network of secret training centres based at regional airports and RAF airfields has been set up by British Airways in an attempt to break a threatened strike which could hit flights this summer. Managers and volunteers have been sent on intensive courses in cargo handling, baggage loading, check-in and other ground handling services in an attempt to keep the airline flying if two threatened strikes go ahead in mid-July.

'Mad chickens' inquiry

The Ministry of Agriculture is to call in an outside expert to examine claims that "mad cow" disease may have spread to chickens, assumed hitherto to be immune to infection. If poultry are susceptible to the disease, it would be a further blow to the meat industry, which was shaken last week by the Ministry of Agriculture's decision to extend controls on BSE from cattle to sheep.

MoD may ban hunting

Fox-hunting could be banned from more than half a million acres of Ministry of Defence land after a review of policy announced yesterday. A ban would affect around 60 hunts and force a dozen to close, the British Field Sports Society claimed. A ministry spokeswoman confirmed: "It is our intention to carry out a thorough review of the effectiveness of hunting with hounds."

Prince to pay for cruise

The Prince of Wales is to pay for taking guests on a cruise on the Royal Yacht *Britannia* within hours of the Hong Kong handover, Buckingham Palace said. The announcement follows claims of friction between the Prince and the Queen over his plans to ask friends aboard so soon after the ceremony. The Prince is planning a three-day trip to the Philippines, where he will carry out an official vist on July 3.

Prescott takes plunge into murky waters

By Paul Wilkinson

JOHN PRESCOTT yesterday found the waters off the Northumberland coast as murky as anything he might have come across in a lifetime in politics. A swim in an undersea nature reserve to mark World Oceans Day had to be cut short because of poor visibility.

An accomplished scuba diver, the Deputy Prime Minister cracked jokes with watching reporters and sightseers as he swapped his dogtooth check jacket and black slacks for a black neoprene suit.

"Imagine if fish had to go through this trouble every day," he quipped as he wriggled into his flippers. "Politics is a bit like diving really. You just have to make sure you are going in the right direction."

After 10 minutes swimming about seven metres under the surf, accompanied by members of the Newcastle Diving Centre, Mr Prescott emerged to say he was delighted to be able to champion measures to protect the oceans.

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Baby poisoned in womb faces a life sentence

By Lin Jenkins

A BABY faces a lifetime of disability after his mother was taken ill with salmonella poisoning at a wedding reception while pregnant. Ned Whateley was born prematurely shortly after the wedding party, weighed just 1lb 7oz and was not expected to live.

Doctors blame the food poisoning contracted by his mother for arresting the baby's growth in the womb and yet his parents cannot seek compensation as the chef had apparently not taken out public liability insurance.

Ned, now 18 months old, is the most seriously affected but more than three quarters of the 224 guests were sick after the lavish party in August 1995. The newlyweds had to cancel their honeymoon in the Bahamas after the groom was violently ill on the flight.

Alain Baxter, the chef responsible for leaving food unrefigerated for four hours on one of the hottest days of the year, is serving a four-month jail term. Insurance for the poolside reception would have cost him about £50.

The couple whose wedding day was blighted by the salmonella outbreak, Neil and Fiona Morgan, say they still intend to pursue Baxter for compensation, although they are unsure what sanctions are open to them. Baxter, who had previously worked for the Saudi Royal Family, catered for the reception in the seven-acre grounds of Mr Morgan's mock-Tudor home at Sissinghurst in Kent.

The guests had sipped champagne listening to a jazzband and cooled off in the pool owned by the property developer while the banquet was left covered in clingfilm in a marquee. Baxter had made the mayonnaise using raw eggs and olive oil. He had used it on the prawns for the starters and in the coleslaw. He was paid £4,785 for providing the food.

Adam Whateley is critical of Baxter's negligence and the fact that he cannot sue for the medical damage done to his son."It was caused by a complete idiot who did not do his job properly — just blatant irresponsible behaviour. It is excellent that he went to prison. People must realise that they must take responsibility for their actions. Ned's life will always be tainted because of one person's action," he said.

Mr Whateley, of Romsey, Hampshire, is a technical manager for the fresh fruit company Fyffes and travels the world checking that suppliers comply with food safety and hygene standards. His wife, Melanie, 32, who is a photographer specialising in child portraits, recalls how she was particularly careful about what she ate at the Morgans' wedding as she was six months pregnant with her second child.

She had taken heed of pamphlets from her local health education authority about her diet and said: "I remember being cautious, thinking that the mayonnaise would be homemade, so I didn't not eat it or the fish starter." Hours after the reception ended Mrs Whateley became violently ill.

Ned was born so premature that doctors are concerned his lungs may never properly develop. Mrs Whateley said: "The doctors have all said that my very high temperature with the salmonella poisoning put my body into shock and that is why he stopped growing. All his current problems stem from his prematurity. He has chronic lung disease because of his ill-formed lungs, is permanently on oxygen, has to be nebulised three times a day and will always have problems."

Her son was born less than a month after the wedding party and delivered by emergency Caesarean section at the Queen Charlotte Hospital in London, then immediately moved to Great Ormond Street for specialist care. Doctors gave him so little hope of survival that they asked the parents to name him.

Mr Whateley remembers that the tag around his son's wrist was so small that there was only room for him to write three letters, so he and his wife chose the name Ned.

Adam and Melanie Whateley: cannot seek damages

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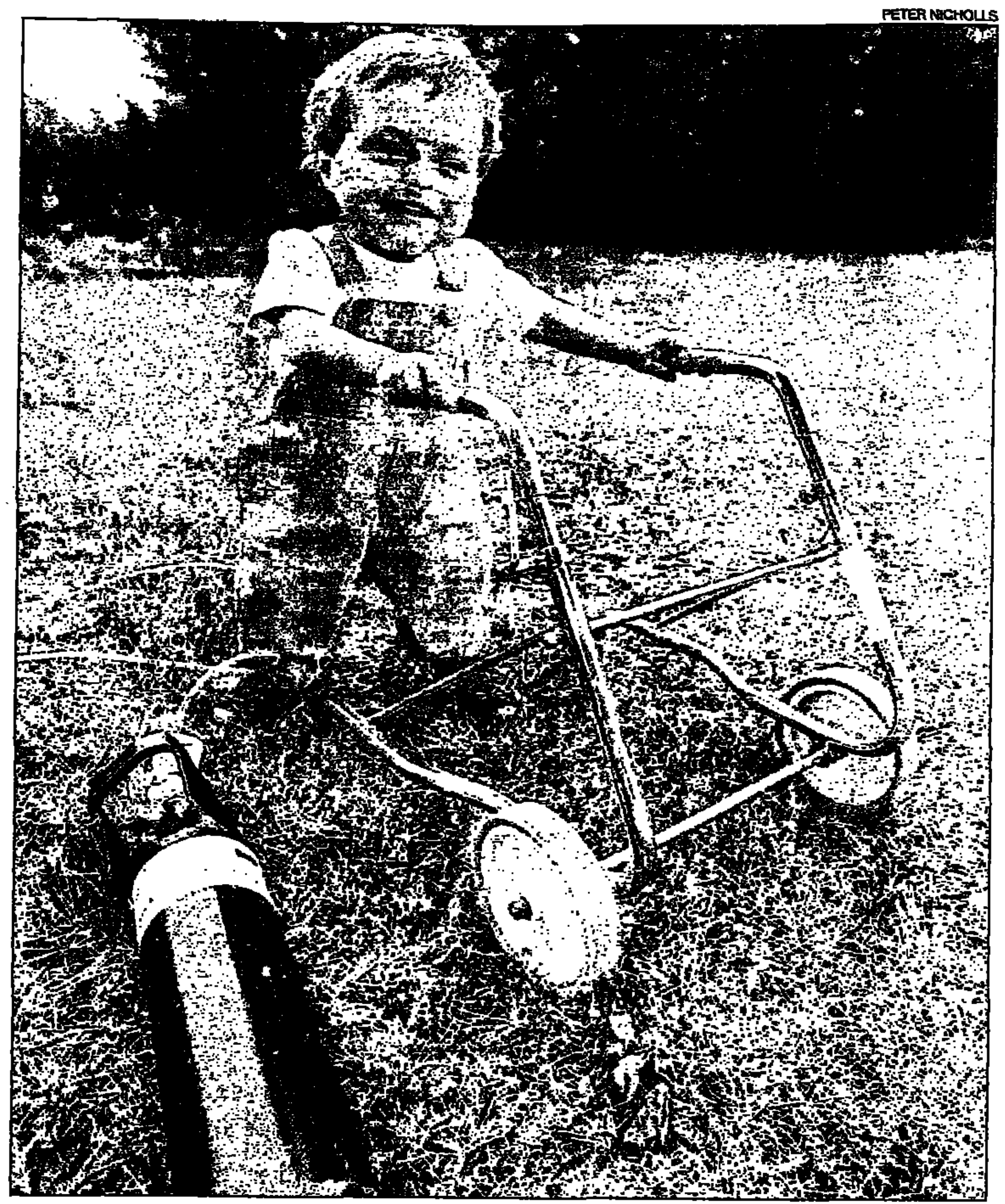

Doctors did not expect Ned Whateley to live after he was born prematurely, weighing 1lb 7oz

Food sickness cases rise to record levels

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

CASES of food poisoning have gone up by more than 400 per cent in the past decade and are running at record levels, despite government-backed attempts to improve hygiene and alert the public to the dangers.

Provisional figures for 1996 show that 84,348 people in England and Wales, and a further 4,940 in Scotland (including nearly 500 affected by the E. coli outbreak), fell ill after eating contaminated food.

In 1985 the comparable figures were 19,242 and 1,946, according to the Public Health Laboratory Service. There has been a steady year-on-year increase since then, with the rising trend showing signs of flattening out only in the past three years.

These statistics record only people who feel sick enough to go to a doctor and have specimens sent for analysis. In a poll conducted for the Food and Drink Federation in 1996, 6 per cent of adults (about three million people) claimed to have felt unwell at least once during the year after eating food.

Starting today, the federation is organising the fifth National Food Safety Week. Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, and Jeff Rooker, the Minister for Food Safety, will take part in a hand-washing demonstration in Covent Garden to emphasise personal hygiene.

The campaign has drawn criticism from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, representing local authority environmental health officers. David Statham, chairman of the its food committee, said: "We felt there was too much focus on the failings of the consumer and not enough on the need for the industry to clean up its act right across the board, from the farm, through slaughterhouses and processing plants to the retailer."

Although salmonella still catches the headlines, the top food germ, in terms of the number of victims it claims, is the less well known campylobacter, which began to overtake salmonella in the late 1980s as the biggest bacterial cause of diarrhoea. Last year, campylobacter accounted for 43,240 food poisoning cases, 51 per cent of the total.

Parents in search for daughter

THE parents of Melanie Hall, who disappeared a year ago after leaving a Bath nightclub, are making a new plea today for help in finding her (Stewart Tendler writes). Pat and Steve Hall visited the Cadillacs club in the city at the weekend and asked young people to help the police with the search. They fear that she has been killed.

Miss Hall, 25, a psychology graduate, vanished after a night out with her boyfriend and another couple last year. She is thought to have left the club separately, after a misunderstanding with Philip Karlbaum, who had recently started going out with her. On Saturday night, her parents, who live just outside Bath, handed out posters to club-goers saying: "Someone in and around Bath knows what happened to her. Our lives and those of our family have been shattered. We are desperate for information." Plain-clothes police officers, friends, and Miss Hall's sister helped to hand out the posters bearing the missing woman's photograph.

JP defends jail remand for girl

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A MAGISTRATE who remanded a disturbed 12-year-old girl to an adult prison said yesterday that he had nowhere else to send her. Malcolm Hartley, a magistrate on the Isle of Man, expressed regret that the girl is being kept in a wing of Douglas prison, where she may stay until Wednesday.

The girl's mother has already protested and claims her daughter was born with spina bifida. There are no physical symptoms and officals say she does not suffer from the illness. They acknowledge that she has learning difficulties.

On mainland Britain a child aged 15 or under could not be sent to prison. They would go either to a local authority unit or a Home Office establishment. A remand in custody could also be challenged before a judge.

As criminal justice reformers accused the Manx system of being barbaric, Mr Hartley said the island had no other secure facilities for children. Manx law allowed a child to be kept in prison in exceptional circumstances.

The child appeared before Mr Hartley last Tuesday accused of assaulting a male police officer and criminal damage. She is under the care of Manx social services and living in a children's home on the island.

He said: "I have three children and many grandchildren — including a grandson the same age — and I did not take the decision to send her to the juvenile unit lightly."

Mr Hartley, a member of the prison board, said he was happy that the girl would be properly cared for in a modern women's unit with specially-trained staff. She will be in an adult cell from 8pm to 8am. Parents are allowed to visit every day.

But Terence Macdonald, for Manx social services, called upon the authorities to find alternative accommodation immediately.

MCC members fear Lord's Internet deal is not cricket

By Mark Henderson

MUTTERINGS of disquiet from the Long Room at Lord's have greeted an announcement that the headquarters of cricket is to be launched on the Internet with the help of Microsoft, the computer software company.

A deal between Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), which owns the famous ground in north London, and Microsoft has raised speculation that it is being lined up to replace Benson and Hedges as a limited-overs sponsor if the Government bans cigarette advertising.

Some MCC members object because the new website (http://www.lords.org) features sponsorship of the Lord's name. Thomas Lord gave his name to the famous ground in the 1780s and members feel that no company should be allowed to use it to promote their products. "I'm very dubious about the idea," said David Longrigg, an MCC member from London. "Lord's is like the Buckingham Palace of cricket, and they don't have sponsors there."

Other members felt the MCC and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), which is also supporting the project, risked diluting the sport's traditions. "No company, however noble or well-known, can hope to uphold the spirit of the place," Nigel Turner, from Uxbridge, said. "They can do what they like at the Oval, but Lord's is special."

Surrey's ground in Kennington, south London, is now known as the Foster's Oval, but the MCC has always felt it inappropriate to pursue a similar deal for Lord's. The MCC has no plans to introduce a full ground sponsorship scheme, but traditionalists are concerned that the Microsoft deal sets an alarming precedent.

The MCC would not comment on the sponsorship agreement ahead of the launch later this week. Richard Little of the ECB said the new website would be an exciting new resource for cricket fans that was long overdue. "Cricket is less well served than other sports on the Internet and this will help to close the gap," he said. The site, operated by Microsoft Network, will feature a real-time scoreboard of all the action at Lord's, and in Test matches, archives and ticket information.

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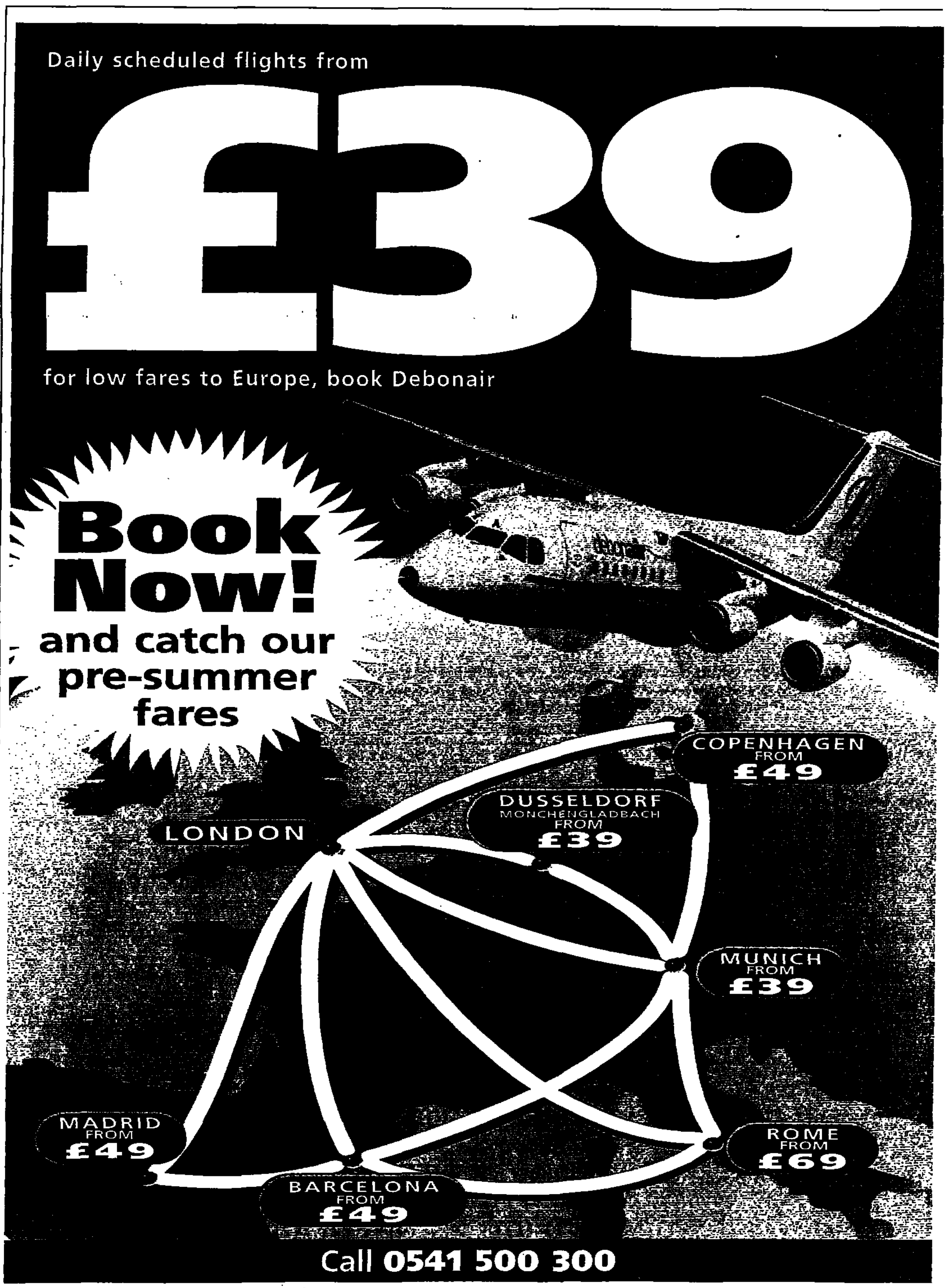

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Police urge new rules on release of paedophiles

By Russell Jenkins

THE Government is to produce new guidelines for police dealing with paedophiles after senior officers on Merseyside expressed concern at the imminent release of a child attacker.

The 43-year-old convicted paedophile is currently being detained in a mental hospital for 28 days under the Mental Health Act, but is due for release this week.

The man, who has not been named by police, is from Manchester. In 1990 he was sentenced at Manchester Crown Court to nine years' imprisonment for the rape of a 10-year-old girl.

He was released last year after serving only six years of his sentence, changed his name and moved to a hostel in the Huyton district of Liverpool. He will be released from the Scott Clinic, a psychiatric centre in Rainhill, Merseyside, within the next week if doctors decide he cannot benefit from further treatment.

Officers arrested him a month ago for a breach of the peace when he was allegedly found to be carrying a bag of toys and colouring books. They say that, beyond mounting expensive and impractical 24-hour surveillance, they are powerless to intervene.

In a separate matter, two convicted paedophiles living in a North Wales holiday resort have been granted legal aid to challenge a police decision to warn people of their presence.

Alun Michael, a Home Office Minister, yesterday promised detailed guidance for police forces on how to implement the Sex Offenders Act 1997, which allows for the creation of a national paedophile register. He said: "We are going to make sure that the legislation will be used to protect children and not get tied up in bureaucratic problems."

The complaints from Merseyside Police have added a new urgency to the search for a workable public policy. Detective Chief Inspector Paul Evans, of Merseyside Police, said: "We have an incredibly dangerous man in the community but we are reduced to putting him under full-time surveillance. There is no preventative detention under the Mental Health Act.

"He is now being assessed but he would only be detained if treatment is likely to alleviate his condition. He needs to be detained until he ceases to be a danger to society. Legislation was changed with the 1989 Mental Health Act which left a huge loophole. This matter needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency."

Eddie O'Hara, MP for Knowsley South, said vigilante gangs in Merseyside had already attacked several men they believed to be the paedophile. The MP plans to table an early day motion in the Commons on Tuesday and will be lobbying ministers for tighter controls. He said: "It is utterly unacceptable that the police cannot do anything about this. My concern now is that another child's life may be destroyed when this man is released."

The Sex Offenders Act, which received Royal Assent in March, requires anyone convicted or cautioned for child-sex offences to keep police informed of their addresses and the maximum penalty for failing to do so is six months imprisonment.

Malcolm Savidge, the MP for Aberdeen North, pleaded for calm after a vigilante mob hunting sex offenders smashed up houses on a council estate in the city. Two men fled from one of the houses. Police said that neither of the men had any history of sexual assault and that they were not being investigated. Mr Savidge said: "We do not want mob rule. We want the rule of law."

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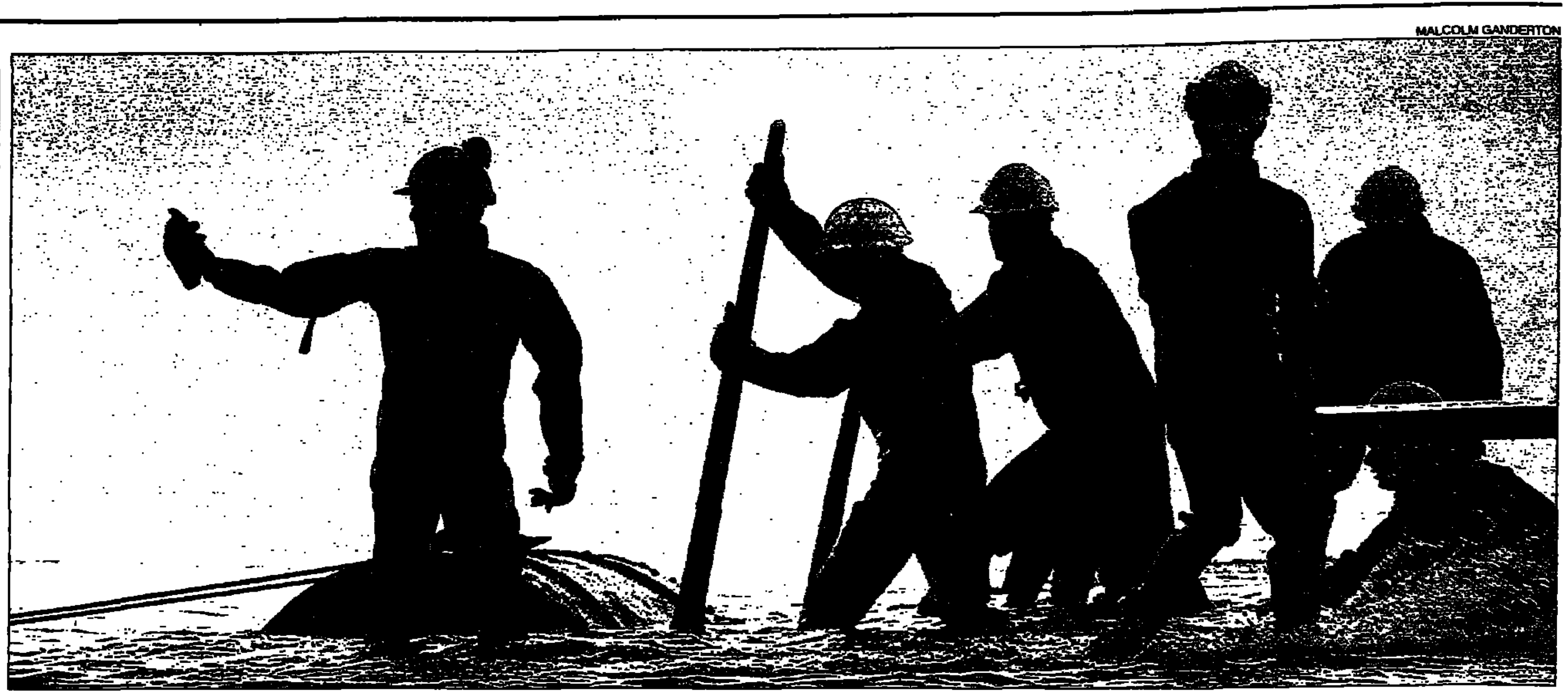

Army engineers recovering the last, and biggest, of four prototypes of the famous dambusting bombs tested more than 50 years ago off Reculver in Kent. It was rolled ashore and winched up the beach by bulldozer in an operation watched by Barnes Wallis, son of the inventor of the bouncing bombs

Widow puts Perry trophies on sale

By Michael Horsnell

THE trophies won by Fred Perry, Britain's greatest tennis player, have been withdrawn from the Wimbledon Museum by his widow and put up for auction in an acrimonious dispute with the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

Bobby Perry, 78, plans to sell her husband's memorabilia, which had been on loan to the museum for 20 years, at Christie's shortly before the start of the Wimbledon championships. They are expected to raise £250,000.

Mrs Perry, the fourth wife of the tennis player, who died aged 85 in 1985, said the move would "serve them right". She said: "I have no qualms about the auction. I don't feel I owe them anything."

Valerie Warren, curator of the museum, which declined an offer to buy the trophies and was said to have "had a fit" over their withdrawal, will attend the auction on June 20.

Chris Gorringe, chief executive of the All England Club, said: "We shall be very sorry if any of the items which have been on loan are lost. The museum will attend the auction with a view to purchase."

Perry won three successive Wimbledons in 1934-36, three US titles, the Australian and French, but felt snubbed when the club removed his membership after he turned professional. His widow says she has to fight to obtain Wimbledon tickets and that the trophies had been loaned only because of the high cost of insurance and cleaning.

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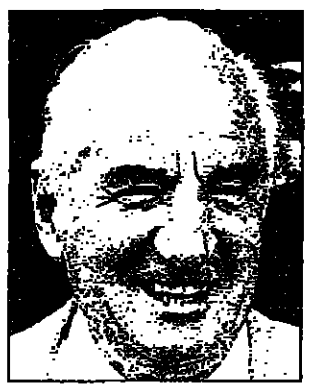

Perry: trophies were on show at Wimbledon

Yard to get healthy tips on funding

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

SCOTLAND YARD has chosen a 30-year-old hospital fundraiser to lead its search for £17 million in sponsorship deals from big business.

Emma Finn, who organises appeals for the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability in Putney, west London, will head the largest police drive for private cash in the country. Senior Yard officials believe the Yard's name could be exploited to produce extra cash to fight crime.

The Metropolitan Police is one of a dozen forces using new legislation to raise up to 1 per cent of their budgets each year from companies. Harrods already provides the Yard with a car for special constables and other companies have contribued to crimefighting projects.

Last month leaders of the Police Federation warned of the dangers of a world of "logo cops", where officers carried the names of sponsoring companies, but Miss Finn said her job would include protecting police interests and preventing exploitation.

Gun club members aim to continue shooting abroad

By Mark Henderson

GUN clubs and shooters' rights groups are setting up offshore handgun ranges and organising shooting holidays abroad to allow their members to continue shooting when the ban on handguns above .22 in calibre comes into effect in July.

British shooters are already taking day trips to gun clubs in northern France and Belgium to shoot weapons soon to be prohibited in this country and there are plans to establish new pistol ranges in the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, where the new legislation will not apply. One group has even negotiated for holidays in Florida for British shooters.

Graham Downing, spokesman for the British Shooting Sports Council, said British shooters would continue their sport in parts of the United Kingdom not covered by new gun bans. They will also go abroad. The National Pistol Association is negotiating to set up a club in Belgium and clubs all over Britain are running handgun shooting day-trips to France and Belgium. Eric Jones, a policeman, spent Saturday at the Rue Mesnil gun club in Dieppe with a party from his club in Rye, East Sussex. "Now that the new laws are coming in, this is the easiest way to shoot handguns," he said.

One gun group called the Shooters' Rights Association has negotiated cheap fly-drive holiday deals in Florida that will be available to gun enthusiasts. One man has sent his own handguns to a Florida club, where they will be cleared by customs.

The Sportsmen's Association, has sent its members legal advice on how to send weapons abroad and apply for local firearms licences. Alistair Brown, the association's solicitor, advises members in a letter to send their weapons to gun clubs in other EU states before July 1, so that they can then be used abroad and possibly be brought back to Britain if a European Court challenge to the 1997 Firearms Amendment Act is successful.

Gun owners are expected to win a package of compensation for their weapons worth at least £150 million after the Commons debate on the subject, which starts today. Tourist officials in the Isle of Man are hopeful that shooting will boost the number of visitors to the island. There are an estimated million handgun shooters in Britain.

Gun companies are also looking into designing new weapons which qualify as rifles under the new regulations but appeal to handgun shooters and use the same ammunition.

Two Brazilian companies, Taurus and Rossi, are considering a design for an adapted revolver which would qualify as a rifle and remain legal in Britain. The new legislation defines a handgun as a weapon with a barrel less than 30cm long and an overall length of less than 60cm.

American gun companies already produce different models to comply with different state firearms regulations. British handgun shooters could soon be firing guns rather like the Buntline Special, the long-barreled revolver used by Wyatt Earp.

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Blair under pressure to make nuclear test payouts

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Government is facing pressure to compensate thousands of veterans of British nuclear tests during the 1950s and 1960s after a European Commission on Human Rights ruling that the Government violated the men's rights.

The commission was highly critical of the Government's actions in frustrating the veterans' claim to war pensions by denying them access to crucial medical, and other, records to support their claims.

More than 20,000 servicemen took part in nuclear tests in the Pacific Ocean and Australia from 1952 to 1967. Many say that serious illnesses, including leukaemia and myeloma, and genetic damage to their children, were a result of exposure to radiation.

The British Nuclear Tests Veterans' Association, which represents some 3,000 people, has written to Tony Blair calling on him to honour the commission's findings and award "just compensation". Labour has indicated that it will continue the Tories' opposition to the claims.

The case at the centre of the ruling, one of three being taken to Europe by the veterans, was brought by Kenneth McGinley, 58, of Johnstone, Renfrewshire, and another anonymous serviceman. Mr McGinley witnessed five bomb tests at Christmas Island and was pensioned out of the Navy with a duodenal ulcer a year later.

He has had chronic health difficulties, including severe kidney and bone problems, and the removal of most of his stomach. He said: "This is a crime which was committed not just to British servicemen. It is a blackspot in Great Britain's history."

News of the commission's ruling emerged only last week, although it was delivered to the Government at the end of last year. It has implications for the Government's policy on access to information. Liberty, the human rights group, and the Campaign for Freedom of Information have been given leave by the European Court of Human Rights to make submissions on the public records system, laws on access to medical records and international standards on freedom of information.

Maurice Frankel, director of the campaign, said that the previous Government had indicated that it would resist the ruling, which is due to go before the European Court of Human Rights for a final determination in November.

"What we need is a Freedom of Information Act that would provide proper independent machinery for reviewing such withholding of information."

Philip Leach, legal officer of Liberty, said: "The commission has made strong criticism of the Government concerning questions about radiation as 'lacking in candour'."

☐ Action on uncharted nuclear waste sites was promised by the Government yesterday after claims that hundreds of dumps, left over from the Cold War, are dotted across Britain. Research by John Large, an independent nuclear engineer, indicate that, at about 520 sites, radioactive materials may be leaking into surrounding soils and waterways.

Michael Meacher, the Minister for Environmental Protection, said: "We take this seriously and we intend to take action as fast as we reasonably can." The Environment Department said the sites, where low-level wastes were disposed, were used before the Radioactive Substances Act in the early 1960s required site registration.

Amateur helps to identify new moth species

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

SCIENTISTS have found a previously unknown species of moth after detective work that took them from the Indian Ocean to Oxfordshire.

The researchers, who have called it the St Valentine's Day Moth, after the night on which it was trapped, had suspected that they had found a new species during an expedition to the islands of the British Indian Ocean Territory in 1996, but only recently confirmed the find.

Linda Barnett and Craig Emms, of the Department of Biological Sciences at Warwick University, found three females on Tacca Macca, a coral atoll within the archipelago which is also known as the Chagos.

The crucial piece of evidence needed to confirm that it was a new species was a male with which to compare the females. The team was advised to consult an amateur ornithologist, Mont Hirons, who lives near Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr Hirons visited the Chagos 20 years ago on an expedition led by David Bellamy and collected a large number of butterfly and moth specimens. There, in his house, among a batch of moths neatly preserved in a wooden box, was the insect that the scientists had been seeking.

In collaboration with Jeremy Holloway, of the Natural History Museum, they have been able to compare the moth's colourings and body parts with those of other Asian moths and have concluded that the Chagos find is unique. "It has been named *Stictoptera hironsi* after Mr Hirons. It thrilled him to bits and we have become great buddies," Dr Barnett said.

Mr Hirons, 81, said yesterday: "I was going to get the moths checked out by the museum but it was one of the thousands of things one just never got round to doing.

"It was quite a surpise to find out it was a new species. It just shows there is still a role for the amateur in this field."

The moth, which has a purple sheeny underwing, has a wingpsan of about an inch. Dr Holloway said that the moth's markings were different to those of related species. "There are also subtle differences in the male genitalia."

The scientists also discovered butterflies and moths on the Chagos that appear to be genetically unique varieties of known species. The scientists believe that the islands are only thousands of years old, so evolution on the archipelago must have been very rapid to produce new varieties and a new species.

The St Valentine's Day moth was discovered during a six-week expedition to the Chagos, an area of 2,300 mainly uninhabited, coral atolls between Africa and Indonesia. The territory is a British dependency where Britain and the United States share military installations centred on the largest island, Diego Garcia.

Britain has been urged to produce conservation management plans for its remaining colonies, since the 1992 Rio Earth summit. The Chagos expedition, led by Charles Sheppard, also of Warwick University, and funded by the Government and organisations such as the World Wide Fund for Nature, was part of the continuing response.

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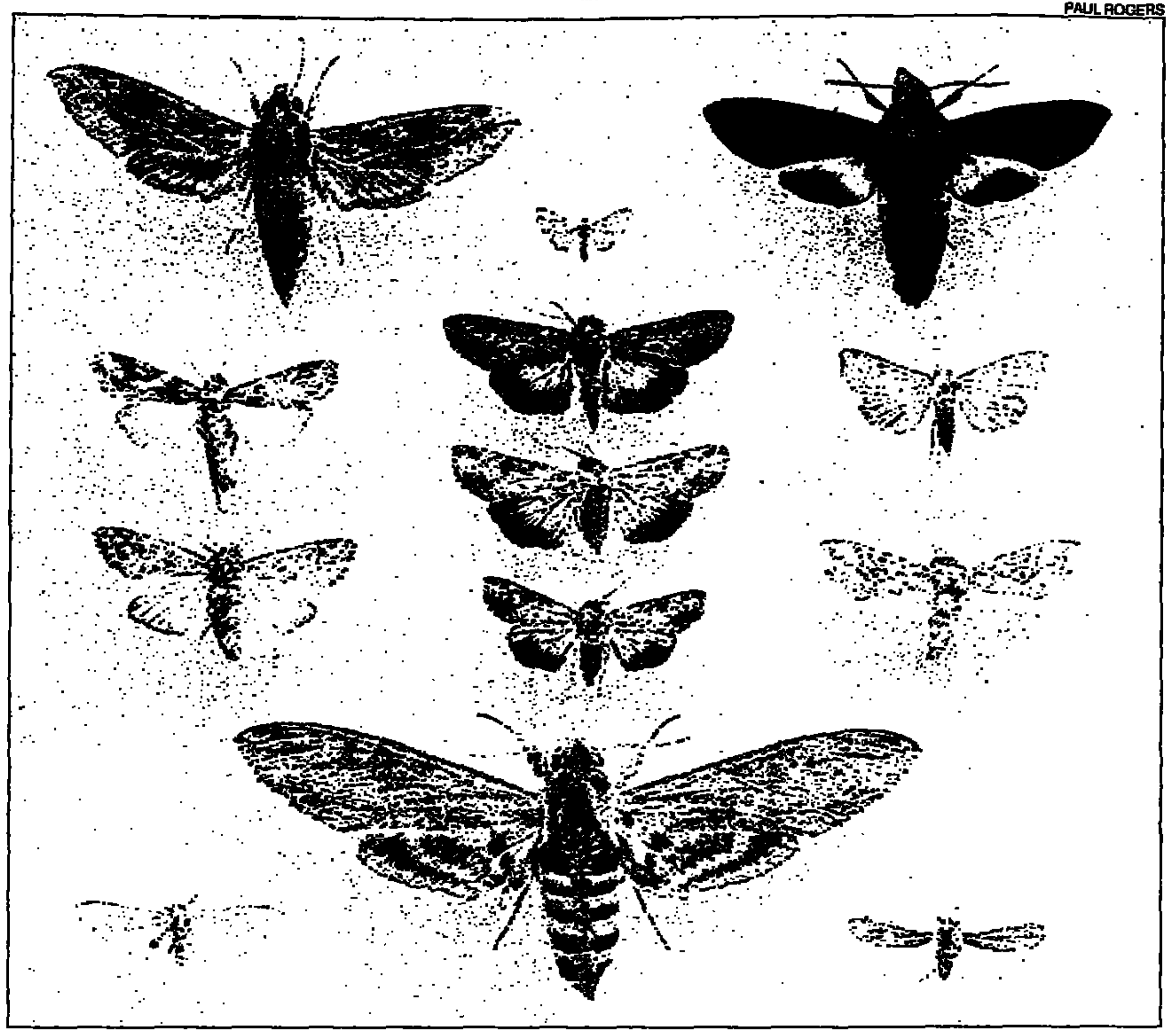


The central three moths are of the newly identified species, *Stictoptera hironsi*, or St Valentine's Day Moth

Linda Barnett and Craig Emms on the expedition

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police hurt tackling pub crowd

A police officer sustained a fractured skull and three others were injured after they were attacked by a drunken mob early yesterday. Bottles were thrown at the officers as they tried to control about 80 people outside a pub in Morecambe, Lancashire.

The condition of Sergeant Terry Considine, who was hit on the head, was said to be stable. WPC Michelle Hollywood was treated for two broken ribs and a neck injury. Two other officers suffered minor injuries. Nine men and one woman were arrested.

Rape arrests

Police have arrested two 19-year-old men in connection with the rape of a 14-year-old girl and the sexual assault of two 15-year-olds in Hyde, Manchester, on Thursday morning. The three girls were bundled into a van by three men and later abandoned on a roadside.

Death blast

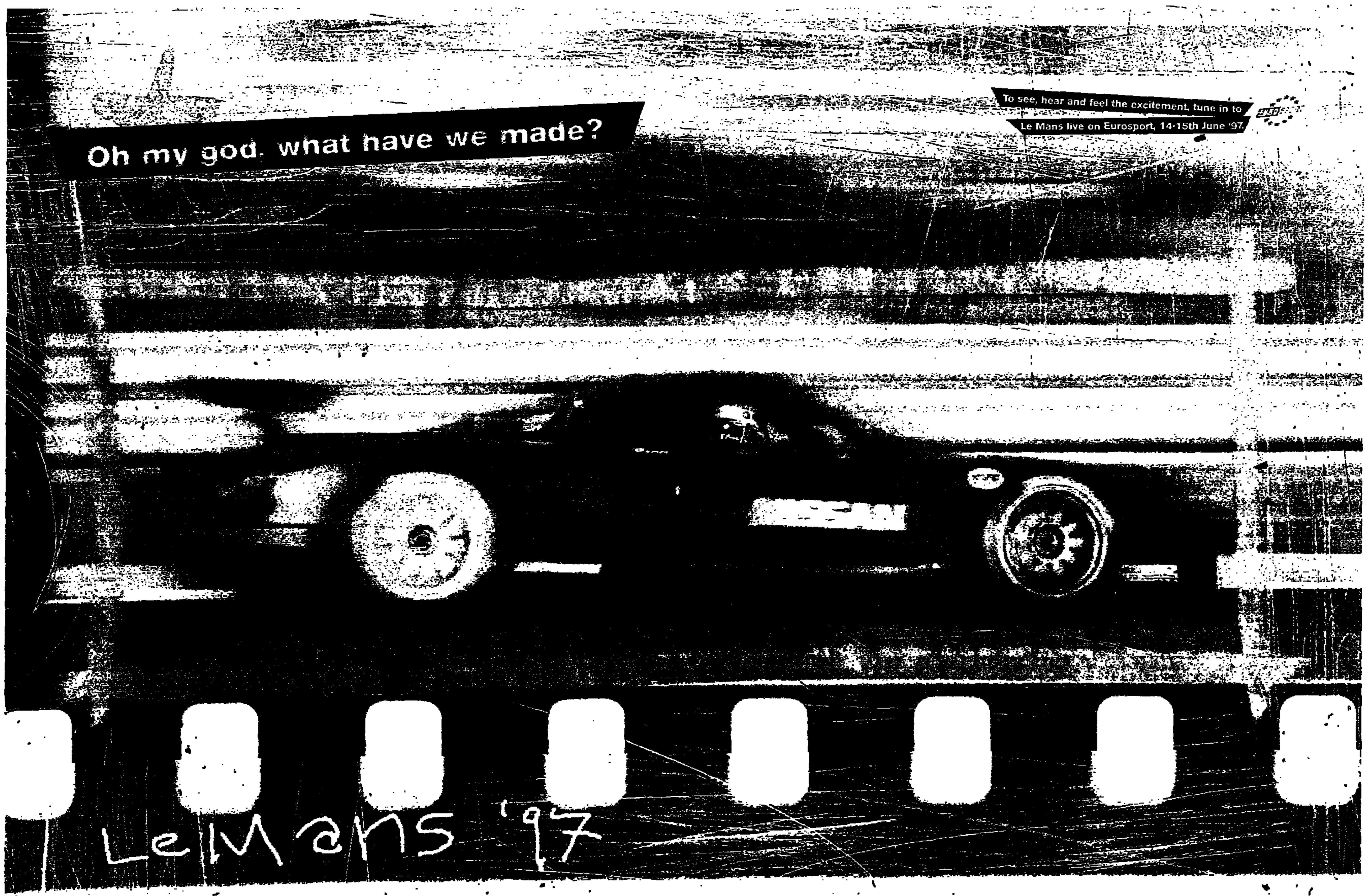
A man in his 40s was found dead in the wreckage of his home in Windsor after an oxygen cylinder he was using to help his breathing blew up when he lit a cigarette. The wife of the dead man, whose identity was withheld until all relatives had been informed, escaped the flames.

Cannabis find

An airline crew member, believed to be a pilot, was bailed after customs officers found cannabis worth about £30,000 on a staff bus. Several crew members from a GB Airways (a BA franchise) flight from Morocco were searched and detained at Heathrow after the discovery on May 23.

Picnic record

A charity event in Battersea Park, southwest London, is believed to have set a record for the world's biggest picnic. An estimated 10,000 people spent Saturday afternoon in the park and helped to raise £10,000 for the paediatric department at St Thomas's Hospital.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Government to let Civil Service help the Opposition

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

THE Government is planning to allow civil servants to be seconded to the Opposition to enable the leader and other frontbenchers to be better briefed for Commons debates and to undertake their parliamentary duties more effectively.

It is understood that the change will take place once party political funding, which is under review, is clarified. The move might also apply to the Liberal Democrats as the second opposition party.

It would also allow civil servants the opportunity to gain first-hand insight into parliamentary business.

Tony Blair was acutely conscious as Opposition leader of the workload on his private office and thought it would have been extremely useful if civil servants conversant with the government machine could have been seconded to his team.

Senior Whitehall officials are confident such a scheme could work, but only if there is all-party agreement. They also think there might be pressure on the Government to extend the idea to minority parties.

William Waldegrave, the Tory former Cabinet Minister, was keen to set up such a scheme when he headed the Office of Public Service. Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, was cautious about it and, before anything could be done, Mr Waldegrave had moved departments.

One difficulty might be tempting officials to apply to work in an Opposition office. The pace of change in Whitehall is such that a number of high-flyers would feel they were being sidelined if they were dispatched to a Conservative rump.

Another difficulty would be the length of the secondment — senior officials would have to ensure that no one became too closely associated with one party. There are also fears that an official returning to Whitehall might somehow be punished for having worked for the Opposition.

But one official said: "Tony Blair, for example, did not refuse to work with Alex Allan, his principal private secretary, because he had worked for John Major. Some ministers might find it useful to have someone who has tested the pulse of the opposition and who can predict how they will act."

Jonathan Baume, general secretary of the senior civil servants' body, the First Division Association, said last night: "We are very keen on this idea. There would have to be formal guidelines and officials would keep the programme under review. But I believe agreement on this will be reached."

Ann Taylor, Leader of the Commons, suggested a possible increase in support to opposition parties in a major speech on parliamentary reform that the Secretary of State could "be backed up by hundreds of civil servants while the Shadow Secretary has to make do with one or two staff". She envisaged secondments lasting for up to two years.

The Liberal Democrats have decided to raise the issue with her and would seek to have two officials on secondment. The approach will be part of much wider demands.

With 46 MPs, they believe they should be allowed one official to join their research team, and another to work in the office of Paddy Ashdown, the leader. Paul Tyler, the party's Chief Whip, said last night: "The Government has recognised that the political map has completely changed." He said that Mr Ashdown should also get a government car and driver, and help with the costs of his office.

Mr Tyler is determined that the Liberal Democrats should be officially recognised as the third party in Parliament and is to meet the Clerk of the House, Donald Limon, this week to discuss how the standing orders of the Commons can be changed accordingly.

He wants Mr Ashdown to have the right to ask more supplementary questions during Prime Minister's Questions, and for the party to have a significant allocation of time for debates and adjournment debates.

At present the Liberal Democrats are recognised formally only in standing order 47, which sets out the rules when lots of MPs wish to speak in a debate and the Speaker limits them to ten minutes. The order exempts a minister, the spokesman for the opposition leader, "or not more than one Member nominated by the leader of the second largest opposition party".

Mr Tyler is expected to raise the issue on Wednesday when the modernisation committee meets for the first time.

Tyler: wants two officials for Liberal Democrats

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John and Gail Redwood at home in Berkshire yesterday, and Peter and Gail Lilley at a party fundraising event in Hertfordshire

Wavering Tories are toast of Westminster

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

THE five candidates for the Tory leadership will tonight set out to woo the remaining undecided MPs with champagne, Pimms, canapés and strawberries.

Five soirées will be held within the square mile of Westminster, with each candidate boasting the most lavish party, the most stylish host or the most swanky surroundings. By 8pm, most Tory MPs will be unable to remember who hosted which party.

The most sought-after backbenchers are the 30 or so who claim they have still not decided who to support. Although some hosts, such as Kenneth Clarke, are holding an open house for any MP who cares to drop by, other camps are being more picky about their guests, only going for those who have not declared for others or may be persuaded to declare for their candidate.

First off is John Redwood, who has chosen the understated elegance of Dining Room A in the Commons. Playing the role of the English gentleman, he will offer tea, strawberries and cream and then move on to Pimms. Although his party is scheduled to go on until after 6pm, many of those attending could be tempted to move on to Mr Lilley, who is hosting his soirée at St Stephen's Club, near Queen Anne's Gate, at 5pm. He might have a smarter venue, but he is only offering red or white wine and canapés.

Unimpressed by this standard of fare, some backbenchers are expected to go on to William Hague's cocktail party at the Carlton Club, where his team promise champagne and canapés from 6pm. "Ours will be the classiest do," one of his team said. Mr Hague intends to "mix and mingle" in an attempt to mop up those, by now, floating voters.

However, Michael Howard is also offering champagne at Lord North Street at the same time. His party is hosted by none other than Lord Hanson, famed for his lavish entertaining, so Mr Hague's invitees may feel tempted by another flute or two with the former Home Secretary.

Mr Clarke is eschewing bubbly for wine and beer at the more sober Institute of Civil Engineers, opposite the Palace of Westminster, from 6.30pm. His aides were less keen to publicise the venue, fearing that the former Chancellor's party could turn into a tourist attraction. Mr Clarke is happy for any MP to turn up. The attendants at the institute may be less charitable as backbenchers lurch in, determined to sink one more drink.

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Unison wants minimum wage too high for Labour

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

TONY BLAIR faces his first major clash with the trade unions this week when Unison, the largest, votes for a minimum wage to be set at a level likely to be well above that proposed by the Government.

The Prime Minister and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will come under attack from leftwingers in the 1.4 million-member union for policies governing employment law, the economy and the statutory national minimum wage.

David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary, is expected to tell the public service union's annual policy-making conference in Brighton tomorrow that while Labour is committed to establishing a national minimum wage, it will have to be set at a reasonable level and introduced in a way that does not damage the economy.

Mr Blunkett is expected to indicate the timetable for bringing in the necessary legislation. Ministers believe such an untried policy as a minimum wage will have to be introduced cautiously. They would like the new Low Pay Commission, to be chaired by Professor George Bain, Principal of the London Business School, to recommend to the Cabinet a relatively low figure.

If such a statutory minimum does not have any damaging impact on the economy, especially jobs, the level could be increased.

However, in a direct clash with government policy, the conference is expected to back motions calling for the minimum wage to be set at half male median earnings, a pay-linked formula abandoned by Labour in favour of the statutory minimum recommended by the commission. The Government will not detail a figure in advance of the recommendations of the planned joint employer-employee commission, but Unison's conference is expected to agree that it should be £4.42 an hour.

Other policy motions on the Unison conference agenda criticise the Government and the TUC for agreeing that employers should be represented on the commission. A motion tabled before the general election says: "A future Labour government cannot expect the membership of Unison to co-operate or be passive to attacks or cuts to jobs or services in the public sector."

☐ Trade union leaders from the main OECD countries will today tell President Clinton that world leaders need to give priority to jobs and growth. A delegation to the White House in advance of the G7 economic summit in Denver next week will stress the need for a "social dimension" in world economics.

Coming soon, the Talk to Tony show

By Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR is to hold monthly televised question-and-answer sessions throughout the country "to keep in touch with the British people". The Prime Minister will tour the country one Friday every month. Each session will have a particular theme, starting in the West Midlands this week with law and order.

Future meetings, already dubbed "Talk to Tony shows", are planned in Scotland and Wales in the autumn, and will focus on devolution. But the move was condemned by senior Tories, who accused Mr Blair of going over the heads of MPs. Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee, said: "It's becoming very disconcerting that Tony Blair thinks the whole process of government can be conducted outside Parliament." He said there had been a series of initiatives, including greater independence for the Bank of England, made without reference to Parliament.

Tory backbenchers are already furious that Mr Blair has scrapped the twice-weekly Prime Minister's Questions in the Commons and replaced it with a 30-minute session on Wednesdays. But Downing Street sources said the decision enabled Mr Blair to get out on Fridays to answer questions put by the public.

A spokesman said the Prime Minister was determined not to lose sight of the concerns of ordinary people. "It is all about keeping in touch with members of the public and not getting stuck in Westminster," he said.

The meetings are similar to those Mr Blair held during the election and during his campaign to modernise Clause Four of Labour's constitution. Questions will be invited from audiences of about 200 and the first sessions will be on Labour's election pledges.

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Britain will stage Olympic bouts of mental gymnastics

By Alan Hamilton

LONDON is to host the Olympics in August. Not the running, leaping, throwing and possibly ballroom dancing event that will next take place in Sydney in 2000, but the first Olympiad of the Mind.

More than 40 events will be contested at the week-long Mind Sports Olympiad at the Royal Festival Hall with a champion of champions chosen from a pentathlon of five diverse brain challenges of the competitor's own choosing. Today the organisers will announce sponsorship from a Scandinavian insurance company which will provide gold, silver and bronze medals, and a total prize pot of £100,000.

London 1997 is likely to draw more competitors than spectators. There is a distinct limit to the appeal of watching other people play chess, bridge, Scrabble and mahjong; solve crosswords and jigsaws; wrestle with IQ tests from Mensa; or compete to see who can memorise the longest string of random numbers.

But the event will still have its stars. Competitors are expected to include Ron King, from the Bahamas, the current world draughts champion, and Dominic O'Brien, the world memory champion who can memorise a shuffled pack of cards in 38.2 seconds. Some champions, however, will not be appearing: Gary Kasparov, the world's second best chessplayer, does not appear for a mere £100,000, and nor does Deep Blue, the computer which recently beat him.

The organisers, a group of computer experts and lateral-thinking enthusiasts, have been trying to get the Olympiad off the ground since 1989, but hitherto failed to attract sufficient sponsorship.

Adam Black, one of the organisers, is keen to dispel the notion that enthusiasts for mental games are intellectuals who could not park a bike straight. "All these activities require the same general skills: memory, creativity, psychological toughness, persistence, concentration and communication — all useful attributes in life."

What, even to solve jigsaw puzzles? "Put a clock on a jigsaw contest and it becomes very competitive. It requires the same skills as chess or crossword-solving — the ability to spot patterns. What were once dismissed as parlour games are now recognised as useful exercises in memory and analytical thinking."

Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times* and another of the organisers, believes that mental games help to ward off the decline of brainpower that advancing years can bring. "Research has been done in California to prove that chess staves off the ageing process," Mr Keene said.

He also believes that the potential of the brain is far greater than that of the body. "We broke the *four-minute* mile years ago, but we will never get a two-minute mile. But mental world records are tumbling all the time: in 1991 the world record for memorising a pack of cards was over two minutes; now it is down to under 40 seconds. And when Bobby Fischer had a rating of 2,785 as world chess champion in 1972, it was considered unbeatable. Now Kasparov is rated 2,815."

The organisers have decided against inviting computers to compete. But games players around the world will be able to follow the Olympiad on the Internet and take part. They will be able to become virtual champions with virtual medals, on website http://www.mindsports.co.uk/

Some of the more unusual games at the Mind Sports Olympiad include:

Rummikub: invented in Israel in the 1950s, based on gin rummy but played with coloured and numbered plastic tiles.

Chinese Chess: probably the world's most widely played board game. Like Western chess, except that a river runs down the middle of the board, which some pieces may not cross. Object is to checkmate the king.

Fanorona: the ancient royal game of Madagascar, based on the old Arab game of Alquerque. Essentially a variation of draughts.

Skat: popular in Germany, a trick-taking card game for three players, similar to bridge.

Entropy: played on a board of squares using 49 counters in seven colours. One player tries to create patterns of colours with his counters which his opponent tries to prevent.

Zatre: mathematical Scrabble, in which numbers replace letters with the intention of creating mathemtical formulae. Unknown in Britain, but popular in Switzerland.

Clare Ockwell with the presenter Magnus Magnusson at Blenheim Palace

Sufferer puts anorexia to test on Mastermind

A WOMAN who nearly died from anorexia *nervosa* appears on *Mastermind* tonight with the slimming disease as her specialist subject.

Clare Ockwell, 38, whose weight dropped to four stone during her 15-year fight against the illness, answers questions at Blenheim palace on the history and treatment of the disorder.

Yesterday Mrs Ockwell, who is married with two stepsons and an 18-month-old daughter and lives in Bognor Regis, West Sussex, said she had long wanted to appear on *Mastermind* and felt that as anorexia had influenced so much of her life it was an automatic choice of subject

"I wrote it straight down on the application form. I spent so much of my life trying to understand it and know so much about it that it just made sense."

Ockwell in 1984, when she weighed six stone

Study has insufficient evidence for denying PMT

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE controversy over premenstrual syndrome, also known as PMS or PMT, as the cause of violent mood swings, inexplicable and sometimes murderous rages, lack of judgment, insomnia, headaches and severe fatigue, to mention only a few of the symptoms assigned to it, has been stimulated by research at the Swinbourne University of Technology in Victoria, Australia. Psychologists who conducted various controlled surveys concluded that premenstrual syndrome does not exist, and is probably no more than an excuse for aberrant behaviour triggered by the stresses of a woman's professional or domestic life.

Anyone living, or working, with a woman who has PMS will need more convincing evidence than that put forward by the Australian psychologists that there are not changes in the mood of many, if not all, women. Observation shows these mood changes coincide with the woman's ovulatory and menstrual cycle. The current medical concept is that the mental changes are the result of discrepancies in the oestrogen/progesterone balance as these fluctuate in time with the cycle. Evidence for this is strenghthened by the experience of many women on hormone replacement therapy who have suffered PMS.

Treatments for PMS, including the prescription of diuretics, additional vitamins, and dietary changes, have proved disappointing. The use of additional progestogens has been advocated, but is dismissed in the British National Formulary as having no convincing physiological basis for treatment.

The research of the psychologists suggests that men and non-ovulating women also suffer mood swings and irritability. Women who have a regular cycle attribute any psychological changes of this sort to their forthcoming period if they occur in the 14 days before menstruation, and expect to be forgiven for any outrageous behaviour.

Most doctors feel that PMS does exist. When a case is seen in which, month after month, a woman who is usually benign, cheerful and cooperative becomes aggressive, depressed, violent and self-absorbed before her period, and then undergoes another complete change of mood within an hour or two of menstruation, the condition is very striking. Some doctors and many patients overdiagnose the condition and underdiagnose the underlying cause of depression.

In gender politics several years ago it was considered reprehensible to deny the existence of PMS, as it was thought to show a lack of empathy. Once it was realised that, if PMS is a major problem for women, it follows that there are many jobs in which women, because of it, should be excluded, views changed. Who would want a woman pilot or surgeon who could be rendered murderous or irresponsible by her hormonal fluctuations?

The truth about PMS probably lies between the line taken by the Australian psychologists and the women's magazines. Even the sanest person, male or female, can be goaded into irritability, or can be driven to depression.

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Labour wants charities to help in job creation

By Alexandra Frean
Social Affairs Correspondent

Mandelson: calls for a compact with charities

CHARITIES and voluntary organisations will be invited *to form* a "compact" or partnership with the Government as part of its radical plans to *defeat welfare dependency*, Peter Mandelson will say today.

Mr Mandelson, who, as Minister without Portfolio, has responsibility for overall policy co-ordination, will say that charities should be closely *involved in* Labour's plans to find jobs for 250,000 unemployed young people. "We have a new deal for the unemployed, and the voluntary sector has an enormous role to play there in delivering services to young people in *terms of* training and work experience," he said last night.

Mr Mandelson, one of Tony Blair's closest allies, added that the Labour Government saw itself acting increasingly as an "enabler rather than as a *provider*".

Mr Mandelson will be addressing a conference on the future of the voluntary sector, which has been organised by the Media Trust, a new group which aims to examine the responsibility of the media towards charities, pressure groups and corporations.

He is expected to tell the conference that the Government *wants* voluntary groups to provide many of the services traditionally provided by the state. "We are not asking people to do this for free. We are quite willing to pay for it. We just don't think that the Government should be the exclusive providers," Mr Mandelson said.

In seeking to make the voluntary sector a partner in Labour's long-term goal of rolling back the welfare state, Mr Mandelson is indicating that the Government means to call upon the vast resources, *experience and* knowledge at the disposal of charities and voluntary organisations.

His invitation to the sector to form a "compact" comes in marked contrast to the confrontational and at times fraught relationship between *the voluntary sector* and the Thatcher and Major Governments. Labour's stance is in large part the fruit of the long years it spent in Opposition when it often needed the resources and backing of voluntary groups.

The *new* Government has already signalled the strength of its commitment to the *voluntary* sector by *switching* responsibility for it back to the Home Office, from the Heritage Department.

Caroline Diehl, chief executive of the Media Trust, welcomed the new compact bewteen the state and the voluntary sector. She gave warning, however, that "it *remains* to be seen to what extent it actually sticks and to what extent the voluntary sector becomes a tool used by the Government in cutting back the welfare state".

Mr Mandelson will also use *his speech to urge charities to* adopt more of the techniques of political spin-doctors. "Voluntary organisations need to exploit the media better," he said.

The media, meanwhile, needed *to have more* respect *for the achievements of* voluntary organisations. "Both regard the other with a lot of *suspicion.* I attach importance to overcoming that."

The other speakers at the conference will include the broadcasters Jon Snow and Esther Rantzen, and the chairman of the BBC, Sir Christopher Bland.

☐ *The conference, entitled* Wise Up, Tune In, Switch On, *will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre in London today. It is sponsored by News International, the ultimate owner of* The Times.

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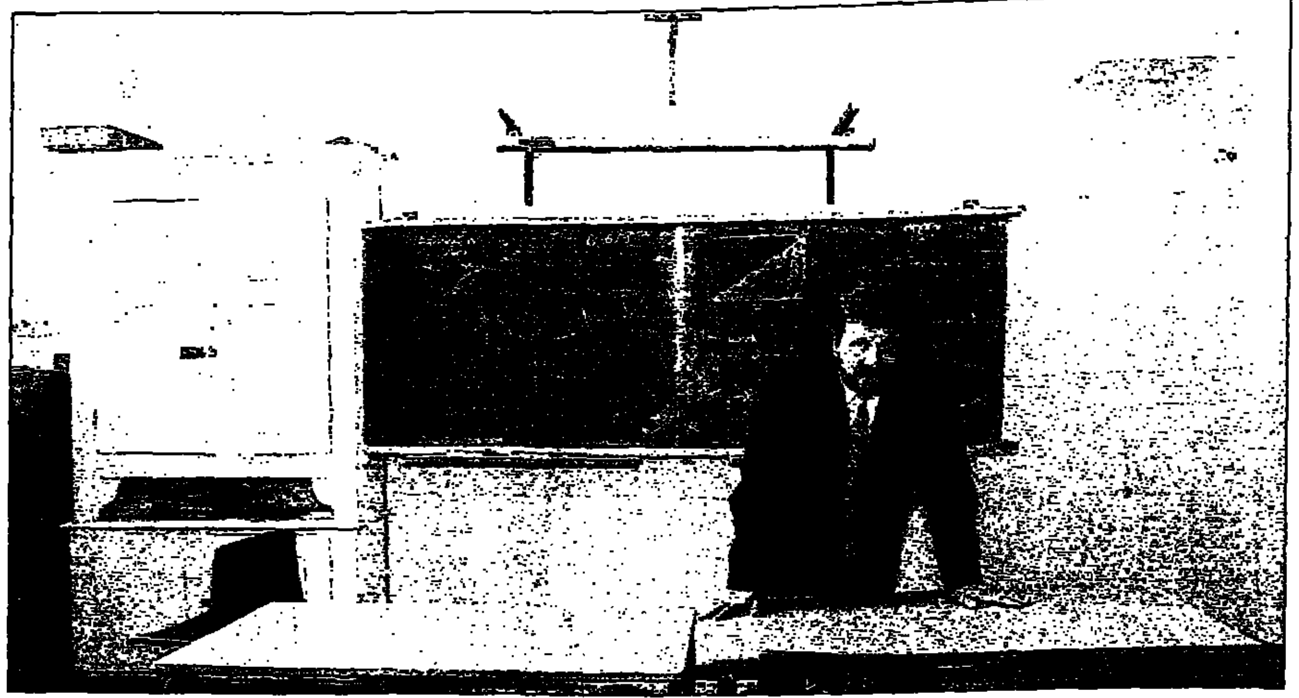


Paul Segalini, head teacher of St Richard of Chichester School in north London. Ministers endorsed closure

Hume stands by school that failed

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

CARDINAL Basil Hume, the leader of Britain's Roman Catholics, is to step into the row over the first school to be closed by the Labour *Government*.

The Archbishop of Westminster is to go ahead with a *celebratory Mass next* week marking the fortieth anniversary of St Richard of Chichester School in Camden, north London, less than a month after its closure was ordered. His presence will be seen as a gesture of solidarity with *staff, who felt their school* was used unfairly as a symbol of the new Government's tough *stance on failing schools.* The Catholic comprehensive, shunned by Tony Blair for the education of his two sons, was earmarked for closure by its local authority five months ago. But ministerial approval of the recommendation last *month was portrayed as the* first example of the new "zero tolerance of failure".

Paul Segalini, the head teacher, *said*: "This was an obvious *attempt to make* political capital out of rubber-stamping a decision. It did unnecessary *damage to the* way pupils see themselves."

Arrangements for the closure were so far advanced when the final decision was *announced that only* sixth-formers will return to St Richard's after the summer holidays. Mr Segalini said: "Once Camden made its decision, we set about finding the best schools for the pupils. The school simply is not viable now." Mr Segalini added: "There is a lot of anger, perhaps in the Church as well as the school, about the way the announcement *was made.* The good work that was being done for the pupils was partly undone by *the unfortunate and innac*urate coverage that resulted."

Cardinal Hume accepted the invitation to conduct the service when Camden was *consulting the local community* on its initial proposal to close the school. He is *not expected to* condemn the closure decision, but his presence at the Mass on June 19 will be seen as an indication that the Church does *not accept all of the criticism levelled at* St Richard's.

With only 8 per cent of 16-year-olds passing five good GCSEs last summer, the *school had among the worst* results in London. It also had one of the ten worst truancy records in England.

Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, announcing the closure, said: "We *shall not maintain* schools *simply for the* sake of it. Persistent failure cannot be tolerated, and there is clear evidence that St Richard of Chichester has let its pupils down."

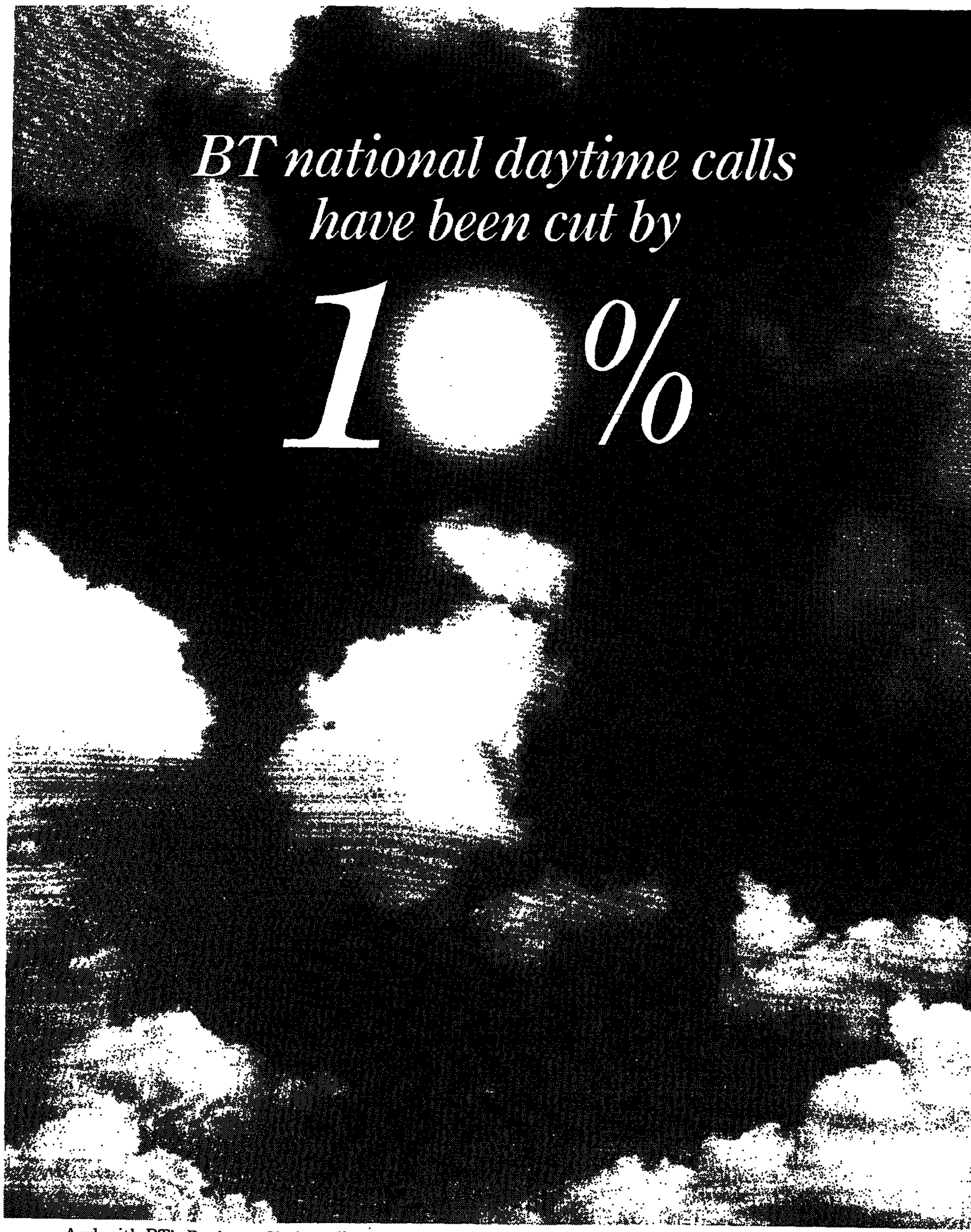
Teachers oppose reading hour plan

TEACHERS' leaders have set their face against changes to be announced tomorrow that would steer primary schools *towards the introduction* of a reading hour before cuts are agreed to other subjects in the national curriculum (writes John O'Leary).

Ministers want schools to devote at least an hour a day to teaching reading by traditional methods, but they have agreed not to revise the curriculum in the next two years. Estelle Morris, the Schools Minister, will tell government advisers that the literacy gap is too serious to wait that long.

In a speech to the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Ms Morris will set out the Government's demands for "elbow room" to be found for the initiative within the current framework. Primary schools will be asked to follow the example of those which already find time for daily sessions on the basics.

But David Hart, general *secretary of the National Asso*ciation of Head Teachers, yesterday accused ministers of expecting schools to "get a quart into a pint pot" and *encouraging them to neglect* important parts of the curriculum. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said the literacy hour was unnecessarily prescriptive.



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Historians hit the jackpot in Las Vegas

Dalya Alberge reports on Hampton Court's search for the 16th-century equivalent of a disposable paper plate

THE throwaway society is nothing new. Wooden trenchers, the 16th-century answer to paper plates, were discarded without thought when servings of blackbird, crane and swan made them too greasy for reuse.

The trenchers were kept for only a few months and thousands were destroyed without anyone appreciating that, four centuries later, curators at Hampton Court Palace would spend years searching for a single example. Last month, long after they had given up hope, they stumbled across a collection in Las Vegas.

John L. Boonshaft, an American collector who has acquired 13 trenchers since 1976, has agreed to lend them to Henry VIII's former home. "I felt badly that I've had them here in the middle of the desert, which is not where they're at home," he said. He was fascinated by the thought that "between the 15th and 17th centuries they were as common as dirt and today they are virtually non-existent".

Simon Thurley, curator of the Historic Royal Palaces, said he was delighted with the find. "Until I came across him, I didn't believe any existed. It is totally remarkable that an ephemeral bit of 16th-century Britain should hold a fascination for an American in Las Vegas. Hampton Court has the best collection of 16th-century cooking implements anywhere in the country. This loan will reinforce that."

In renovating the Tudor kitchens at Hampton Court, staff have tried to acquire as many original objects as possible. But trenchers, which were used by the lowlier members of the household, seemed unobtainable.

They are pieces of wood, often elm, about 9in square. They have two round depressions, the larger for the meat and the other for salt. Dr Thurley, who likened them to the compartmentalised plastic trays used by airlines, said they were far cheaper than the pewter, silver or silver-gilt used by the grander residents. "The Tudor court was status-ridden", he said. "What you ate off denoted your status. Eating off a trencher meant you were right at the bottom of the pile."

He added: "There were vast numbers of trenchers in existence. There must have been a great industry producing them. As timber became more scarce and ceramics became cheaper, they fell out of use by the 17th century."

The diet of the time was mainly meat, he said. "They had more birds and fish than we do: blackbirds, swans and cranes. They were more adventurous. They used spices to smother the meat and kept animals alive until just before they were eaten. They had delicious sauces and gravies. It was very Mediterranean."

He heard about the Las Vegas collection from Tobias Jellinek, a British dealer. One of his clients is Mr Boonshaft, who worked in hotel management before his retirement.

Mr Boonshaft, who collects objects dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries, said he first read about trenchers in 1968. "I decided I had to have one. I was just fascinated with it. Shortly afterwards, I learnt that the phrase 'having a square meal' originated from these plates. They had the main course on one side and then turned it over for the sweet. Then you ate a square meal. I thought they were charming." He was also intrigued by the origin of the word, from the French *tranche*, or slice, and originated at a time when people ate off slices of bread, rather than plates.

Mr Boonshaft knows of only four other examples: "Two of those are fake, so I won't mention the collection." He eats off his occasionally. Certain foods would ensure their survival because they kept the wood moist — "and nothing tastes as good".

Meanwhile, Dr Thurley keeps on searching for other missing items, including a wooden pepper mill and spoons. In the 16th century, the courtiers ate with a knife, a spoon and their fingers.

BILL of FARE

Meals were largely meat-based – 95% protein
Sauces were prepared separately, mostly spiced.

A 'mess' was designed to be shared by four people

First Course

Bread (cheat and manchet): 10 pieces
Small rolls. Cheat: cheap bread, manchet: more expensive

Flesh for pottage
Leftover meat from boiling, served in a soup

Beef: 1 mess

Mutton: 1 mess

Veale or capons: 2 messes

Rabbit: 2 messes
Meat was either spit-roasted, (burnt outside, rare inside) or boiled

Second Course

Herons: 1 mess

Blackbirds, swan, crane, plovers: 1 mess

Baked meate: 1 mess

Fruit
Seasonal

Butter

Ale: 4 gallons
Weak and watery

Wine: 3 pitchers

It was not expected that the food was fully consumed. The waste was passed to the servants and then to the beggars at the gate.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Sebastian Edwards, the deputy curator at Hampton Court, with one of the Las Vegas wooden trenchers

British fathers work longer hours than their EU counterparts

By Philip Bassett
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FATHERS in Britain work longer hours than in any other European country, a government-backed study shows today. In contrast, employed mothers have the shortest working week after The Netherlands.

Moreover, the "two-earner" family is now dominant in Britain, replacing the father as the main breadwinner, according to the survey by the Institute of Education at London University. Fathers in Britain now work on average 47 hours a week, compared with an average across all European Union countries of 42.7 hours. Britain is followed by Ireland at 46 hours; fathers in Belgium work the fewest hours, at 40. Put another way, fathers in Britain work on average 285 hours a year more than those in Denmark. Employed mothers in Britain work 24.5 hours a week.

The study shows that the average working week for all fathers is now nearly four hours longer than for other employed men. The report, *Mothers, Fathers and Employment*, concludes that fathers have made no adjustment to the increased employment and working hours of their spouses. "Rather . . . they are working as long, if not longer, than ever."

Long hours being worked by both men and women is one of the factors behind the European Union parental leave directive, which will apply in Britain once the Government has ended the previous Conservative administration's opt-out from the social chapter. The directive states that both parents will be entitled to three months' unpaid leave after the birth of a child.

The report suggests that the lengthening of working hours for parents is occurring disproportionately in two-earner households. From 1984 to 1994, the number of two-earner families rose from 2.9 million to 3.3 million. Single-earner families — usually with the father as the main breadwinner — fell from 3.1 million to 2.3 million. At the same time, the number of "no-earner" families rose from 1.2 million to 1.5 million.

One solution increasingly being adopted by two-earner families was the use of cleaners, nannies and mothers' helps. "Indeed, it is likely that this lifestyle is leading to the regeneration of the servant classes," the study says.

WORKING WEEK

Average hours, 1994	
UK	47
Ireland	46
Greece	45
Portugal	45
Spain	43
France	42
Germany	41
Italy	41
Netherlands	41
Belgium	40
EU average	43

Nigerians told to bring jet for safety inspection

By Harvey Elliott
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIR safety officials are demanding that a Nigerian Airways jet flies into a remote coastal airfield for a full inspection before flights between Britain and Nigeria can resume.

Direct air links between the two countries were severed when Glenda Jackson, the Aviation Minister, banned Nigerian-registered aircraft because of safety concerns. Nigeria retaliated by banning British Airways from Kano and Lagos. Thousands have had to use other airlines or fly via other countries.

Nigerian Airways claims that a McDonnell Douglas DC10, which has just had a £3.6 million overhaul, is perfectly safe and would form the mainstay of scheduled services to Britain. But the Department of Transport insists that the aircraft be subjected to British safety checks first.

Attempts to obtain visas for two Civil Aviation Authority inspectors to fly to Nigeria to check it have been refused. Ms Jackson has suggested that the Nigerian jet be flown to Britain — provided it stays over the sea as much as possible when in British airspace — or to a neutral country. The Nigerians have refused.

The dispute began three weeks ago when CAA safety officials became concerned at the condition of an old Boeing 707 cargo jet at Stansted. Checks showed that it was in a potentially dangerous condition, and a second Nigerian-registered aircraft had similar defects. Ms Jackson ordered all Nigerian Airways flights to be suspended until it could be proved that proper safety checks were being carried out in Nigeria.

Talks are going on aimed at enabling the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to carry out inspections of the Nigerian equivalent of the CAA. If the DC10 is given a clean bill of health, it will be allowed to operate to and from Britain pending international approval for Nigeria's own air safety inspectorate. BA should also be able to resume direct flights.

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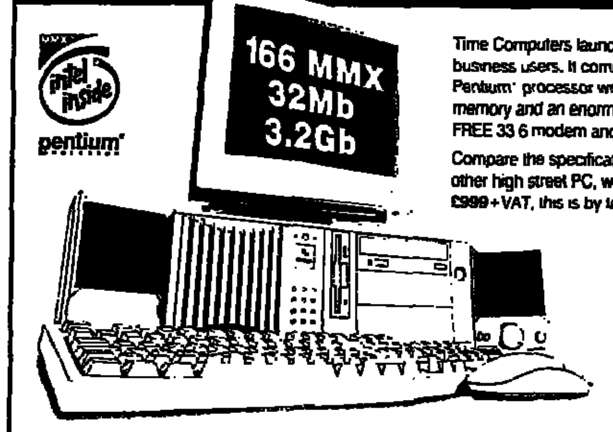

EU chiefs seek French line on fate of euro

From Charles Bremner in Luxembourg

AFTER two weeks of political upheaval on the Continent, the fate of the European single currency could become clearer today when the new French Socialist Government tells its partners whether it aims to stick to campaign promises that could sign the project's death warrant.

European Union finance ministers in Luxembourg will be hearing from Dominique Strauss-Kahn, their French counterpart, whether the administration of Lionel Jospin plans to demand a renegotiation of the "stability pact", an arrangement for enforcing budgetary rigour among countries that join the euro.

Putting aside the political tensions last night, ministers were beginning their session with a review of the designs for the future coins. They were given their first glimpse of a short list being tested on the European public before a decision by heads of government.

The Luxembourg meeting had been due to put the finishing touches to the pact, hammered out under German instigation last December, before a routine signature by EU leaders at their Amsterdam summit a week today.

Governments across the EU have insisted that the pact cannot be reopened, and Bonn has signalled that any such move would undermine the whole project. Trying to calm the euro storm, EU officials have been working on ideas for meeting M Jospin's needs without unstitching the carefully crafted accords behind the monetary scheme.

Jacques Delors, the French Socialist who presided over the Maastricht negotiation as European Commission President, has won support for tacking on to the existing pact a text that reiterates the treaty's rules for economic co-operation. Ministers hope this may be enough to satisfy M Jospin. "Reality is already hitting Jospin," a German official said. "Campaign rhetoric is no match for cold figures." EU leaders are expected to take a similar approach to appeasing M Jospin's desire for an "economic government of Europe". At Amsterdam, they are expected to offer him an accord to set up an advisory council that would monitor the actions of the future European Central Bank. Its closer political control was another Socialist campaign promises.

Embroiled in a domestic crisis of confidence of his own, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is also hoping that M Jospin will soften his campaign promises of an "economic government" to administer the euro along with the future central bank. Bonn says this would destroy the primacy of the bank in managing the currency. President Chirac tried to float the scheme last year, but was slapped down by the Germans and others.

M Jospin proclaimed his commitment to Europe and the currency over the weekend as German and other ministers struggled to pump hope into the project and quash rumours that EU leaders could agree in Amsterdam on a delay. M Strauss-Kahn, who has a strong pro-European background, reassured Bonn on Saturday, saying: "The Germans have no reason to be worried." At the same time, President Chirac, making his first appearance since the humiliating defeat of his Gaullist Government, pledged to defend "the achievements of Europe that have been produced with 40 years of patience and effort".

Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister and summit host, said the stability pact would not be reopened and the euro launch would not be delayed. He suggested that the EU would answer French concerns by beefing up its commitment to co-ordinating policy on employment.

Only the German Government is now resisting the inclusion of an "employment chapter" in the revamped Maastricht treaty.

Chirac vows to honour commitments

From Susan Bell in Paris

IN HIS first public speech since the crushing defeat of his centre-right coalition by the Socialists last Sunday, President Chirac broke six days of silence to speak of his determination to ensure that France honoured its European commitments. Addressing a health insurance conference in Lille at the weekend, M Chirac made it clear that he intended to maintain an active role in governing France despite being forced to share power with the new left-wing Government.

"Today my duty is to preserve the European advantages obtained after 40 years of patience and effort and to continue to advance, despite the obstacles, towards a united Europe that is strong and just." His remarks came as speculation mounted that the Jospin Government would call today for a postponement in talks on the stability pact. The accord, negotiated by all 15 member states, was agreed in Dublin last year and imposes fiscal restraints intended to keep deficits in check for qualification for single currency.

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A young Pole watching the Pope through binoculars as the pontiff celebrates an open-air Mass in Cracow yesterday. At the service the Pope canonised Queen Jadwiga, who died in 1399 after helping to spread Christianity to neighbouring countries. The Pope's visit to his native land, possibly his last, ends tomorrow

Police get the upper hand in Mafia war

From Richard Owen in Rome

BUOYED by their capture of Pietro Aglieri, one of the most wanted Mafia gangsters and a key figure in international drug smuggling, police revealed yesterday that they were systematically "decapitating" the Cosa Nostra, thanks to information from a Mafia godfather arrested last year.

They said Giovanni Brusca, captured in May last year, was being rewarded for helping the authorities by having his "hard" prison regime softened, with some privileges restored. They also disclosed that Aglieri, once called "The Toff" because of his elegance, had been found living in squalor when captured on Friday and in jail had since "turned to God for forgiveness".

Police said Brusca, who once ran the Mafia with ruthless brutality, had identified Aglieri from photographs taken at long range by anti-Mafia police. The police had kept the isolated farmhouse where Aglieri was living under surveillance. Hours after Brusca's positive identification 300 police stormed the farmhouse near Palermo, scaling the high walls around it with ladders and throwing thunderflashes to disorientate Aglieri and the two hitmen guarding him.

The capture of Aglieri, 38, follows the arrest of Brusca in May last year, of Leoluca Bagarella and Nitto Santapoala in 1995, and of Salvatore "Toto" Riina in January 1993. The collapse of the Mafia leadership followed a wave of public anti-Mafia revulsion in the wake of the murders of two popular anti Mafia judges, Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, in 1992. The authorities are now stepping up their hunt for the last remaining Mafia don on the run, Bernardo Provenzano, 64, known as "The Tractor" for his physique and ruthlessness.

But Giancarlo Caselli, the anti-Mafia prosecutor in Palermo, said the Mafia remained "a strong, highly efficient, bloodthirsty and dangerous organisation" that had accumulated "enormous riches" with which to corrupt officials. Although the Mafia dons were beng picked off one by one, there were others to take their place. "There is no room for triumphalism", Signor Caselli said.

Brusca: godfather who is helping officials

Thieves steal the show at Ferrari's red-letter day

From Richard Owen in Rome

IT WAS supposed to be the car rally to end all car rallies, a stream of 1,500 red Ferraris to mark the great Italian car firm's fiftieth anniversary.

But it ended with red faces at Ferrari's headquarters at Modena yesterday when seven Ferraris worth millions of pounds were stolen, and a Texan millionaire spotted his own long lost F512 being driven by an unsuspecting British enthusiast who bought the car in good faith at auction eight years ago.

The celebrations began with a rally in Rome a week ago, 50 years after Ferrari won its first Grand Prix, and ended yesterday at Modena, near Bologna. But an anonymous Texan, watching the parade of racing cars on CNN, suddenly exclaimed: "That's my car!" It turned out that the car, with "Sunoco" (for Sun Oil Company) on its side, was the prototype of the 512 model of which only 25 were ever made. It first entered races in the 1970s, when it was driven by Arturo Merzario, the celebrated Italian champion.

The car was bought by the Sun Oil Company of Texas, which raced it in America. In 1977 it was stolen, and the oil company hired a string of detectives in an unsuccessful attempt to trace the car. It was only when it was spotted on television that the truth came to light. The Texan telephoned Interpol, and within hours Italian police had approached the astonished British owner, impounding the car.

While Modena was chuckling over the case, thieves took advantage of the rally euphoria to steal seven Ferraris belonging to Dutch, German, American, Swiss and Italian collectors while the owners were celebrating in the bars and restaurants of Modena's medieval old town. "We offered special parking and high security measures for the rally, with troops guarding the cars in Modena barracks," a police spokesman at Modena said. "But some owners were too careless. You won't believe this, but they left their cars outside restaurants with the keys in the ignition."

Police said there were "as many Ferrari thieves in Modena over the weekend as there were bona fide enthusiasts".

Nights of violence daunt southern Berisha bastion

By day, Korce's market is teeming with street traders. After dark, the curfew is punctuated by rebels firing their AK47s from the hillsides, **James Pettifer** reports

WITH three weeks to go before polling day, Albania is beset by social chaos and night-time violence. During the day, the casual visitor might not notice much difference from a year ago. But after the curfew, things are different.

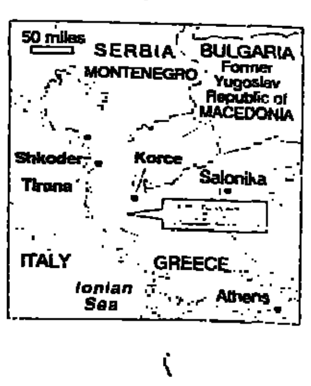
Korce is the regional capital of the southeast, a decent, civilised town that has avoided the worst of the turmoil of the past three months. By day, the market below the Ottoman mosque is teeming with street traders. At 8pm the curfew begins and Special Forces troops cruise the empty streets in armoured personnel carriers. Korce is still held by the Government, and President Berisha's Democratic Party won all six parliamentary seats in the last election. But that is all they hold. The surrounding countryside and Morava mountains are dominated by rebels supporting the Socialist Party, and once it is dark they fire their AK47s from the hillsides into the town.

Among all this, the 6,000-strong multinational peacekeeping force is nowhere to be seen. Local people are bemused at their absence after the publicity bonanza when they arrived two months ago.

Although it is claimed in Tirana that the roads are becoming secure, this is plainly not the case. Travelling south from Shkoder to Tirana at the weekend, our car was held up by heavily armed men near Lezhe, and getting from Tirana to the southeast means a nerve-jangling run at high speed through bandit-dominated little towns such as Librazhd.

All economic activity stops at about 5pm for security reasons. When travelling on the road, all valuables must be hidden. Albania has returned to Ottoman times where the towns were islands in a wild, disorderly sea.

Among all this, the Democratic Party is trying to run an election campaign. Bujar Isak, a local leader and Tirana MP, is pessimistic about whether it can campaign outside the city. "It is very difficult for us. The people lost a great deal in the pyramid selling schemes and blame the President. I certainly cannot travel to many villages."



Public figures cannot travel to Korce either. Genc Pollo, the Democratic national leader, managed to pay a visit last week to meet party activists under very heavy armed guard, but any kind of open campaigning or holding meetings seems impossible. Although the local Democratic Party is ahead of many other towns in having two declared candidates, there are no posters, no ballot boxes and no information at the town hall on whereabouts of polling.

But it seems the election will be held, and many Albanians feel that it could, with luck, be the darkness before a modest dawn. Mr Isak feels that rock bottom may have been reached. "We cannot live in the modern world like this. I think the people know that."

☐ **Tirana:** Franz Vranitzky, the European envoy to Albania, arrived for talks on the elections and appealed for calm. "My team are gravely concerned about violence in some parts of Albania," he said. *(Reuter)*

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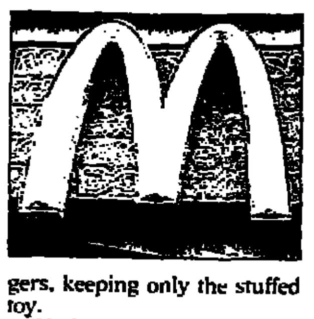
McDonald's takes a grilling over cut-price fiasco

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON



FALLEN arches, egg on the face — America's headline writers are tripping over themselves to describe the plight of the once-mighty McDonald's.

But after a disastrous week, in which it was forced to withdraw its latest high-profile promotion to lure customers back through the golden arches, McDonald's is not sharing the joke.

The latest fiasco in a nightmarish year came on Tuesday, when McDonald's scrapped Campaign 55, billed as the mother of special offers and the magic bullet which would help it to make inroads into the land of Burger King and Wendy's.

The six-week $200 million (£122 million) promotion, named after the 1955 founding of the fast-food company, offered a Big Mac for 55 cents instead of $1.90. But it baffled and enraged customers who realised only at the cash register that they had to buy fries and a drink at the full price to get the cheap burger, making the discount only about 5 per cent.

That followed the sobering experience of the Happy Meals special offer in April which gave away Beenie Babies dolls with children's burgers.

McDonald's franchise owners were quick to detect from their rubbish bins that children were dumping the burgers, keeping only the stuffed toy.

Worldwide, McDonald's is still undisputed king of the fast-food business. Sales and profits hit record levels last year, and Interbrand, a transatlantic consultancy which puts values on brand names, reckons that McDonald's has overtaken Coca-Cola to become the most powerful in the world.

The real problem is at home, in the American heartland, where few towns are without one of its 12,100 restaurants. True, 22 million customers still visit them every day, and it still has 42 per cent of the $39 billion hamburger market.

But for two years, sales have been flat: Salomon Brothers, the investment bank, estimates that they slipped 4 per cent in May.

The company's 2,750 franchise owners, who equip and run 85 per cent of the restaurants in return for 12.5 per cent of the sales, are furious. They accuse McDonald's of opening too many sites — another 600 are due this year — whittling away profit margins every year and turning what was once a guaranteed goldmine into a hair-raising endeavour.

The heart of the problem, it seems, is that baby-boomers have got older and care more about taste. Yet armies of fast-food critics, a flourishing profession in America, argue that McDonald's has failed to improve the taste and range of its meals in the 1990s as much as its rivals, to the point where even price-cutting will not prevent customers wandering a hundred yards down the road to the second-ranked Burger King or the third-place Wendy's.

Customers still give McDonald's top marks for its french fries. Although they seem to prefer the flame-grilled cooking at Burger King, switching from frying to flame-grilling would simply be too expensive for McDonald's.

Jack Greenberg, head of US operations, announced three weeks ago that he would scrap the 40-year old tradition of centralised management in Illinois, installing dozens of local managers to make the company more responsive. But mutinous franchise holders are in no mood to tolerate many more gimmicks which fail to put the sizzle back in their sales.

ADIL BRADLOW / AP

Kabila agrees to UN inquiry

Bill Richardson, the American Ambassador to the United Nations, is greeted by refugees at the Kisangani camp in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo at the weekend. Last night he had some good news from the Government: President Kabila finally agreed to co-operate with a UN investigation into the fate of Rwandan Hutus after reports of fresh killings carried out by his soldiers in the east of the country (Inigo Gilmore writes). Mr Kabila denied that any massacres had been committed.

France steps up Brazzaville bid to free foreigners

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

FRANCE will today send reinforcements to Brazzaville after a Congo militia yesterday seized the centre of the capital during an attempted coup. Heavy fighting has left one French solider dead and raised fears about the safety of foreign nationals trapped in the country.

The French Defence Ministry announced that it would send 500 soldiers from its bases in other African states to join the 450 troops moved to Brazzaville in case they were needed to evacuate French citizens from nearby Kinshasa during the final days of the civil war in Zaire.

The fighting, between soldiers loyal to President Lissouba and forces supporting Denis Sassou Nguesso, a former President, broke out in the run-up to the country's July 27 elections.

As clashes continued for a a fourth day, forces loyal to Mr Nguesso were reported to have taken control of the centre of the city and surrounded the Prime Minister's office and the Treasury, capturing armoured vehicles and tanks. Streets were reported to be littered with bodies after heavy fighting for control of the airport.

An aid worker in Kinshasa said he was in radio contact with colleagues in the city. He said relief workers had been unable to collect bodies or tend the wounded because of the intensity of the fighting. "Our colleagues in Brazzaville can see many bodies in the streets around their headquarters," he said. "It's hard to tell if they are soldiers or civilians."

No reliable death toll was available but one European resident of Brazzaville said it could be "several hundred".

A French solider was killed and five others were wounded on Saturday as they tried to evacuate foreign residents from a building where they had been trapped by gunfire. The soldier was killed when his unit came under fire at a crossroads.

Calls by Charles David Gnao, the Prime Minister, for a ceasefire went unheeded. "The problem is that there are Nguesso's militias and there are Congolese army units which are not under the control of their officers, and so we have seen Congolese army units firing on their fellow soldiers," Alexis Jaraud, the commander of the French forces in the region, said yesterday.

As foreign nationals attempted to flee the Congo for neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo, the former Zaire, a plane carrying 44 American citizens to Kinshasa came under fire. In another incident, a US embassy vehicle in which American diplomats were travelling was attacked. Armed men believed to be members of a pro-Nguesso militia seized the occupants but later released them. The heavy fighting forced US embassy staff to suspend operations to evacuate their nationals.

Settlement row threatens Israel talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A NEW ROW over Jewish settlements yesterday almost sabotaged the first meeting between Israeli and Palestinian peace negotiators for three months. The Egyptian-organised meeting in Cairo nearly failed to take place after the Israeli team delayed their flight until they received an official Palestine Liberation Organisation denial of earlier claims that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had agreed to a temporary "pause" in settlement building.

The dispute highlighted the distrust between the two sides, which have not met since March 18 when bulldozers began breaking ground in east Jerusalem to build homes for 32,000 Jews. The land at Har Homa was captured from Jordan 30 years ago and then annexed.

Yesterday's talks in the Egyptian capital were designed to see if any formula could be found to enable a resumption of the peace talks. Nabil Abourdeneh, a Palestinian negotiator, said in Cairo that they had received "no serious offer from the Israeli side ... Nothing new at all".

The diplomatic setback occurred when Marwan Kanafani, a close aide of Palestinian Authority leader Yassir Arafat, told an international news agency that Israel had agreed to a "pause" in building settlements, enabling Palestinians to return to the table. When the claim was broadcast, Mr Netanyahu, aware that any such commitment would endanger his small majority in the Knesset, reacted angrily.

While American and Egyptian diplomats worked feverishly to calm tempers, it was arranged for the Palestinian delegation, already in Cairo, to issue a denial. Saeb Erekat, the chief negotiator, made clear that the Israelis had made no promises about halting settlements. The Palestinians said they had agreed to attend the "talks about talks" as a "gesture" to Egypt. After the denial, the Israeli negotiators left for Cairo.

No sympathy for McVeigh

Washington: Two-thirds of Americans favour the death penalty for Timothy McVeigh, found guilty last week of the Oklahoma City bombing, according to a *Newsweek* poll (Bronwen Maddow writes).

The survey follows a week of harrowing testimony from the prosecution, which paraded relatives of the dead in court. McVeigh's defence team will try this week to persuade the jury that their client should receive only life.

Murder victim's ex-pupil held

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

POLICE have charged a former student with the murder of Jonathan Levin, the schoolteacher son of the head of Time-Warner, who was found dead in his New York flat last week.

Corey Arthur, 19, a petty drugs dealer who was once taught English by Mr Levin at the Taft High School in the Bronx, was arrested at a rundown council estate in Brooklyn after one of the biggest manhunts in New York's history.

Police have also charged Montoun Hart, 25, with being an accessory to murder. Mr Levin was killed after several minutes of torture to make him reveal the pin number of his cash card.

The two men are also accused of stealing the card and taking money from a cashpoint nearby, an act which was caught on a surveillance camera. A police spokesman yesterday alleged that Mr Arthur was the man who was filmed making the withdrawal.

Mr Arthur's arrest has stunned students and teachers at Taft, where Mr Levin was a popular staff member. Students, particularly, reacted with incredulity when told that a former pupil had been charged with his murder.

A spokesman for Time-Warner Inc, where the dead man's father, Gerald Levin, is chief executive officer, said yesterday that the family was "grateful for the speedy police work that led to the arrests".

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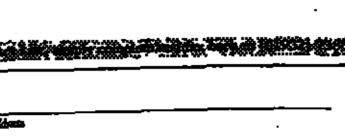

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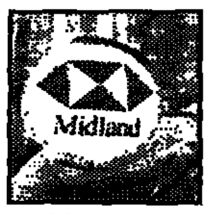

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British aid group accused over links with coup leaders

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE British charity International Alert is at the centre of a controversy over its link with rebels in Sierre Leone who staged the recent coup.

President Kabbah, overthrown by mutinous soldiers last month, wrote in April to the United Nations Secretary-General making far-reaching, but unsubstantiated, charges against the British conflict-resolution group, that went beyond mere policy disputes.

"My Government," President Kabbah wrote, "is in possession of concrete evidence that International Alert have been engaged in malicious practices in order to prolong the conflict in my country, which they use for soliciting funds from donor agencies and governments." He also alleged that it had illegal links with the Revolutionary United Front RUF. President Kabbah, now in exile in Guinea, did not provide supporting evidence, but UN officials continue to express concern about the charity's role in the country.

International Alert, in a written response to Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, said Mr Kabbah's charges had "no basis in fact".

The charity's major donors, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and The Netherlands, are conducting an evaluation of its work around the world. The Overseas Development Institute in London has been asked to assess its role in Sierra Leone, one of three case studies of its performance.

Founded by Martin Ennals in 1985, the charity boasts a host of notables on its board, including Lord Judd of Portsea, the former Labour Overseas Development Minister and later director of Oxfam. Its secretary-general is Kumar Rupesinghe, a Sri Lankan said to harbour ambitions to be the next head of the UN.

International Alert first became involved in Sierre Leone in early 1995 when it negotiated the release of hostages being held by the RUF rebel group that had been waging war against the Government in the former British colony since 1991.

The charity facilitated the first contact between the Government and the RUF leader, Foday Sankoh, a then mysterious corporal who had organised the revolt after being dismissed from the army.

International Alert advised the RUF during the subsequent peace talks and was named as one of the guarantors of the peace settlement struck last November because the rebels mistrusted the UN.

The RUF apparently feared that the UN would favour President Kabbah, a former official at the UN Development Programme in New York, who was elected in a poll overseen by another former high-ranking UN official, James Jonah, now the country's Ambassador to the UN.

International Alert's board of trustees suspended the charity's work in Sierra Leone last December and it is now officially "disengaged", but its role continues to be a source of irritation at the UN.

Mr Annan has endorsed Nigerian military intervention to overturn last month's coup, which has attracted RUF support. But International Alert, while condemning the coup, has warned against Nigerian intervention.

Mr Rupesinghe admits there were policy differences with the UN, but says they were resolved and notes that the charity received praise from all sides when the peace deal was signed. "There have been various concerns expressed about our role," he said. "Unfortunately, none of this has been substantiated."

CORINNE DUFKA / REUTER

A heavily armed bodyguard of coup leader, Major Johnny Paul Koromoh, standing guard outside the Sierra Leone Defence Ministry

☐ **Airport held:** RUF rebels allied to the coup leaders in Sierra Leone have taken control of Hastings airport which Nigeria had been using to fly in troops and supplies for its military base. *(Reuter)*

Pleading for the life of a looter

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from an ear, my head is pulled back by the hair and I see a machete coming towards me. Just as I think this is my last moment, the troops begin to fight around me with fresh arrivals. Everybody seems enraged at having missed the opportunity to shoot down the helicopter. The new group, from the rebel army, formerly the RMLF, has arrived — they want me as their bounty. I am pulled into a pick-up truck and spirited down the runway. The soldiers around me in the vehicle begin to loot my baggage. When I object I get another rifle blow to the head. Sierra Leone after the coup: definitely a bad place to be for a single, white European.

A vast major drives the jeep. He is Liberian and loyal to the RMLF. After a short journey, I am pulled out and put against a tree. I am expecting to be shot, at best, as a spy. There is a terrible way of fighting West African wars. It is not uncommon for live captives to have their hearts cut out and eaten, else be castrated and dismembered by captors blasted out on anything from snorted gunpowder to Freetown moonshine. But the major's mood changes on an instant. "Don't worry," he assures me. "We shall take care of you. Now tell me which soldier has looted your things?"

I point to one of the teenage soldiers who bashed my head and took my things. The major goes berserk. "Now you," he screams at the soldier, striking him to the ground. The major is handed a Kalashnikov, a weapon that looks like a little stick in his enormous hands. The major beats the hapless trooper with it, then cocks the weapon and gets ready to kill him. Men turn to me for judgment. For a dark moment I want to see the man dead, splattered on the jungle floor. But only minutes before, it was I in his position and I knew now how he was feeling, the heaviness of his terrible fear. Weakly I asked the men to let him live. They stripped him and beat him till he was raw and bloody, then kicked him into the bush.

"OKa we save you now," said the major. Back in the vehicle once more, laden with child soldiers and armaments, we raced into Freetown.

Half an hour later they dropped me at Freetown's one remaining hotel. "Be sure you have a nice day," grinned the major. I had my baggage and my life intact. By Freetown's standards it was indeed a good day.

WORLD SUMMARY

Swiss reject export ban on arms

Geneva: Swiss voters rejected a chance to make Switzerland the only Western industrialised country to ban arms exports (Peter Capella writes). In a referendum, 77.3 per cent in a small turnout voted against outlawing the sale abroad of arms or products with potential dual military and civilian use. Industry said a ban would cost up to 120,000 jobs, nearly doubling the 5.6 per cent unemployment.

Envoy named

Moscow: President Yeltsin appointed Yuri Fokin, a senior career diplomat, as Russia's new Ambassador to London. Mr Fokin, 61, will replace Anatoli Adamishin, who is expected to return to Moscow for a new assignment, possibly within the Kremlin administration. The new envoy is currently head of the Russian mission in Norway.

UN cash claim

New York: The United Nations is to ask Israel for £1.06 million in compensation for the shelling of a UN peacekeeping base in southern Lebanon last year which the Israelis said was "a mistake". A General Assembly committee called on Israel to pay the money to the UN Interim Force in Lebanon.

Food aid ready

Seoul: South Korea will deliver food aid to the famine-threatened North from Thursday under the first direct agreement between the countries' Red Cross societies. Reports said the northern Red Cross would send a security guarantee for its southern counterparts. *(Reuter)*

Temple deaths

Delhi: Thirty-nine people died and at least 200 were injured, 50 seriously, when fire broke out in the 11th-century Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur, south of Madras, and set off a stampede among panic-stricken worshippers, Indian officials said.

Cash and carry

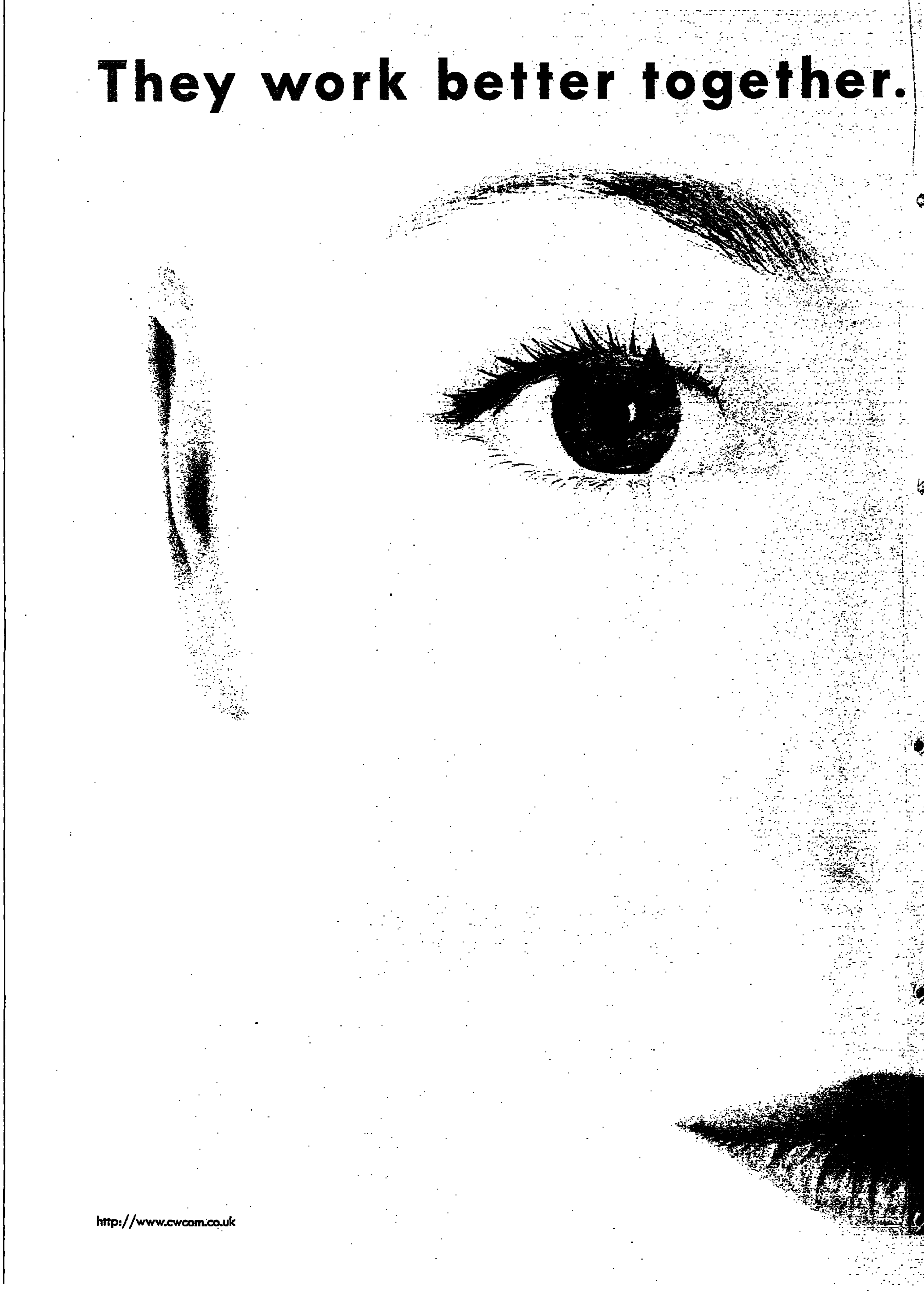
Hong Kong: Rich ethnic Indians are packing their jewellery and heading for Singapore as the handover to China nears, reports said. "We carried as much as we could . . . two bags of gold and diamonds," one woman said: *(Reuter)*

Bhutto brother 'killed on government orders'

Islamabad: A judicial tribunal has held "higher authorities" in the government of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto responsible for the killing of her estranged brother, Murtaza (Zahid Hussain writes).

Murtaza Bhutto and seven supporters were killed in a shoot-out with police in September, three weeks before Miss Bhutto's government was ousted. "The death of Murtaza Bhutto and his supporters was an act of extra-judicial killing by the police on the clearance of higher authorities," said the tribunal, headed by a supreme court judge, in its report yesterday.

The tribunal said police could not have taken the decision to open fire without the approval of high provincial and federal authorities. These were not named. The report is likely to strengthen the case against Miss Bhutto's husband Asif Ali Zardari, who is charged with conspiring to kill her brother.



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Shanghai ticks to the tunes of imperialist past

History is repeating itself, this time without the exploitation of the Chinese people, reports **James Pringle** from Shanghai

STROLLING on the overcrowded Bund, the Westminster chime of the clock on the former British Customs House recalls another era — the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution when it played the Maoist anthem, *The East is Red*.

Daisy Kwok, 88, the daughter of the founder in 1918 of the Wing On Shanghai department store, remembers that time well. She was labouring on a farm because of her "bad class background".

For Mrs Kwok and for millions of others, the clock that stopped in China when Mao Zedong declared the People's Republic in 1949, is starting again. The other night she was guest of honour at Shanghai Sally's, a British watering hole, to mark the emergence of a big band, 1930s-style, composed of students from Shanghai's music conservatory.

"I am an antique now," said Mrs Kwok, as the band played *In the Mood*. "Life was much more in the family then, and the social classes didn't mix. I would never have been to a pub." She talked regretfully of her late husband, who made the mistake during Mao's "100 Flowers" campaign in the late 1950s of criticising the Communist Party. "I warned him not to do it." Her husband died in a labour camp a few years later, and a year after was posthumously declared a "counter-revolutionary".

Percy Chu, 100, has lived through five tumultuous dynasties, culminating in the Communist era. He was one of China's most prominent bankers and financiers in the 1930s, and in 1934-45 was president of Shanghai's Rotary Club. He paid for his past. In 1957 he was accused of being a "rightist and counter-revolutionary" and spent 21 years from the age of 60 to 81 doing "reform through labour" in a textile factory.

Mr Chu, who was guest of honour last month at a banquet in Beijing sponsored by the Chinese capital's unofficial Rotary Club, said that during the Cultural Revolution, when he was sweeping a factory floor and cleaning lavatories, the Shanghai revolutionary leaders would seek his advice on international banking. Even as he suffered at their hands, he did not let the leftists lose face. "I would idly sweep an imaginary speck of dust with my broom, as if I were still working, then advise them on what course of action to take, as party cadres took notes," he said.

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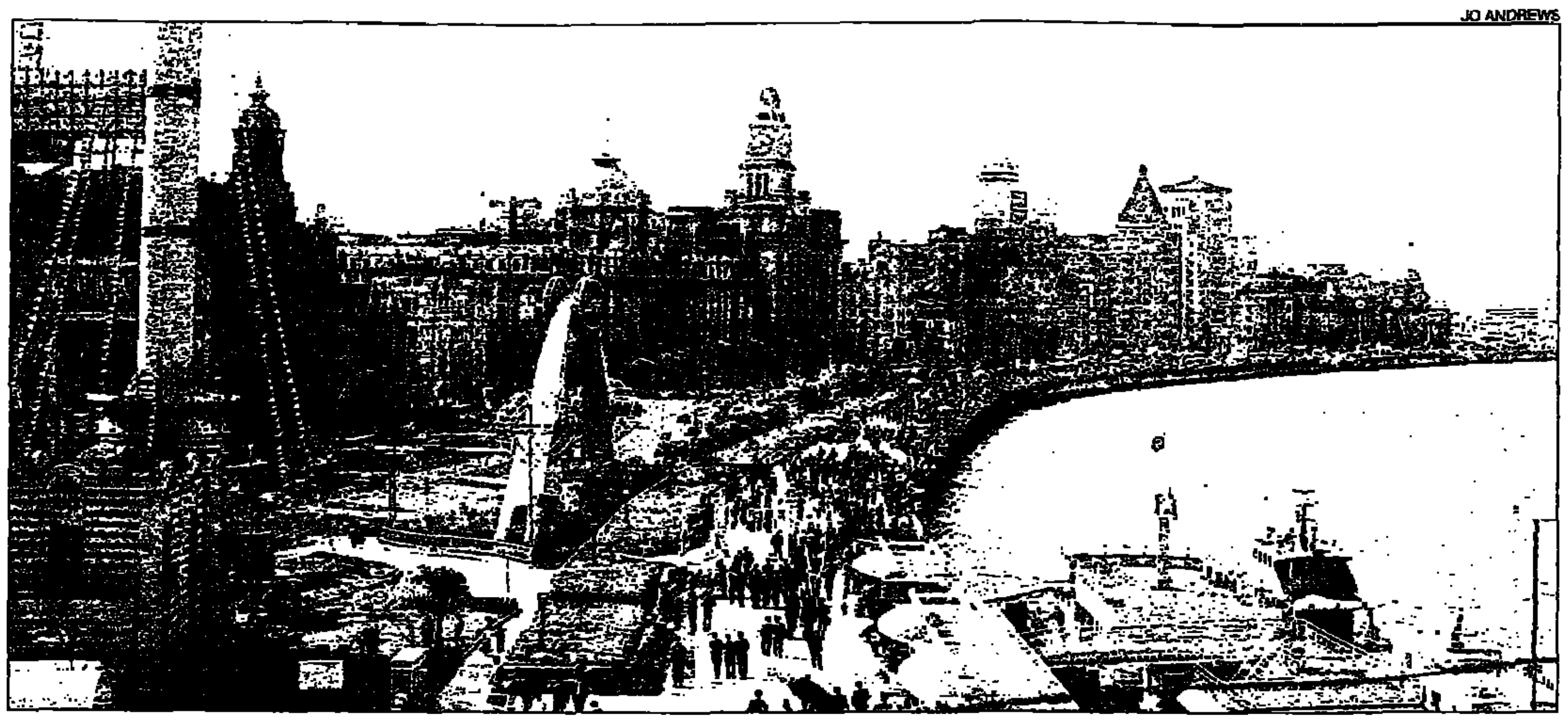


The clock at the former British Customs House on the Bund, Shanghai's waterfront, is chiming again. It was stopped by Mao in 1949

Hermann Heid, who heads the "unofficial" Rotary in Beijing, said that Mr Chu had been present at the last Rotary Club meeting in Shanghai just before the founding of the People's Republic in 1949. "Then he was lost behind the Bamboo Curtain. A few years ago, Percy reappeared again, just as Shanghai itself had been reborn as a great world city." In many senses, it has been reborn, though the Communists still run a tight ship in this city of 13.5 million. But the craziness that saw Mrs Kwok and Mr Chu become "ghosts" has passed, though there are still plenty of political dissidents in labour camps. I saw some of that madness myself during a visit to Shanghai in 1972 when the radicals were still in charge. "We teach the children to hate flowers as useless things," said one fanatical schoolteacher then. "They should learn the merits of medicinal herbs and serve the people as barefoot doctors."

When, while walking on the then austere Bund, with its winsome girls wrapped in shapeless Mao suits, I told my Shanghai government escort that he should be proud that the girls of his native city were so attractive, his face flushed. "That is nothing to be proud of," he spluttered in a fury.

Nowadays, Shanghai is a place of flowers and fashion again, and at the Golden Age nightclub girls rise through the floor on pedestals clad in spiked World War One German helmets with pheasant plumes springing from them.

With the enormous facility history has for repeating itself, the Shanghai of the 1930s seems to be recreating itself, but without the exploitation of the Chinese population who chose then to live in the International Settlement, initially the British concession, because they felt safer there away from the Kuomintang agents, mafia hitmen and gangsters of the Chinese-ruled areas. They did, however, suffer discrimination — a European could strike a Chinese and do him serious injury, secure in the knowledge that he would be judged by his peers in the settlement court, if the matter ever got that far. The Shanghai Hotel, later hit by Japanese bombs, had one lift for whites and one for Chinese, Japanese and Koreans. The famed Long Bar was a preserve of British and European taipans whose position in the pecking order could be judged from how far down the bar they stood.

> ❝ The past madness has gone … it is again a city of flowers and fashion ❞

The International Settlement proved not just a haven, however uncomfortable and humiliating for Chinese, but for thousands of Jews fleeing Nazi persecution in Europe, as it had earlier been for White Russians escaping Bolshevism. One Japanese consul in Lithuania saved thousands of Jews by issuing them with Japanese visas so that they could travel across the Soviet Union to Shanghai.

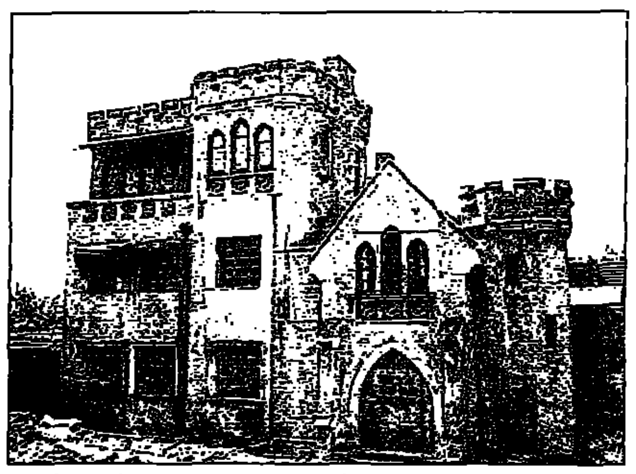
The late Saul Eisenberg said before he died here a few months ago that world Jewry would always be grateful to Shanghai for the sanctuary persecuted Jews received here — a sanctuary mostly lacking in Europe. A synagogue has reopened in Shanghai, together with a number of churches serving a Christian community of about 160,000.

Orthodox Jews wearing long sidelocks and black tailcoats have reappeared, touring old sites associated with the Jews, much to the amazement of the Chinese population, especially the three million migrant workers from inland provinces, in a city where foreigners virtually disappeared for decades.

Chinese "chickens", as they are still called, offer love for sale in the tree-lined old French concession and on the Bund where they proffer "come hither" smiles, even if the decadence of old Shanghai is unlikely to be equalled anywhere again. The old Shanghai was a byword for excess: the bodies picked up on the streets every morning, the coffins of the poor sent off down the Huangpu River to the Yangtze and the sea, and the rich who used sable coats to keep the engines of their cars warm even as ill-clad people froze to death. No one will mourn the disappearance of these aspects, and the racism.

But there has been an odd phenomenon in the People's Republic of China: a seeming sense of amnesia about the country that existed before 1949, as if the history of modern China began when Mao stood on the Tiananmen Gate on October 1, 1949, and proclaimed: "The Chinese people has stood up."

The ghosts and memories of the 1930s that are reappearing are another sign that Shanghai has finally and belatedly emerged from the traumas of recent decades. Most here hope such times — and the romantic but brutal days of old Shanghai — never reappear.



The Taipan's Mansion, designed in the 1920s by a French architect, a symbol of old Shanghai

Nordic biker war claims tenth life

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THE bloody four-year turf war between rival Hell's Angels and Bandidos motorcycle gangs in the Nordic region flared up again at the weekend with the second killing in three days.

A member of the Bandidos was shot dead and three others were seriously wounded on Saturday night in a shooting incident in the quiet Danish Kattegat seaside resort of Liseleje, west of Elsinore — the tenth death in the conflict.

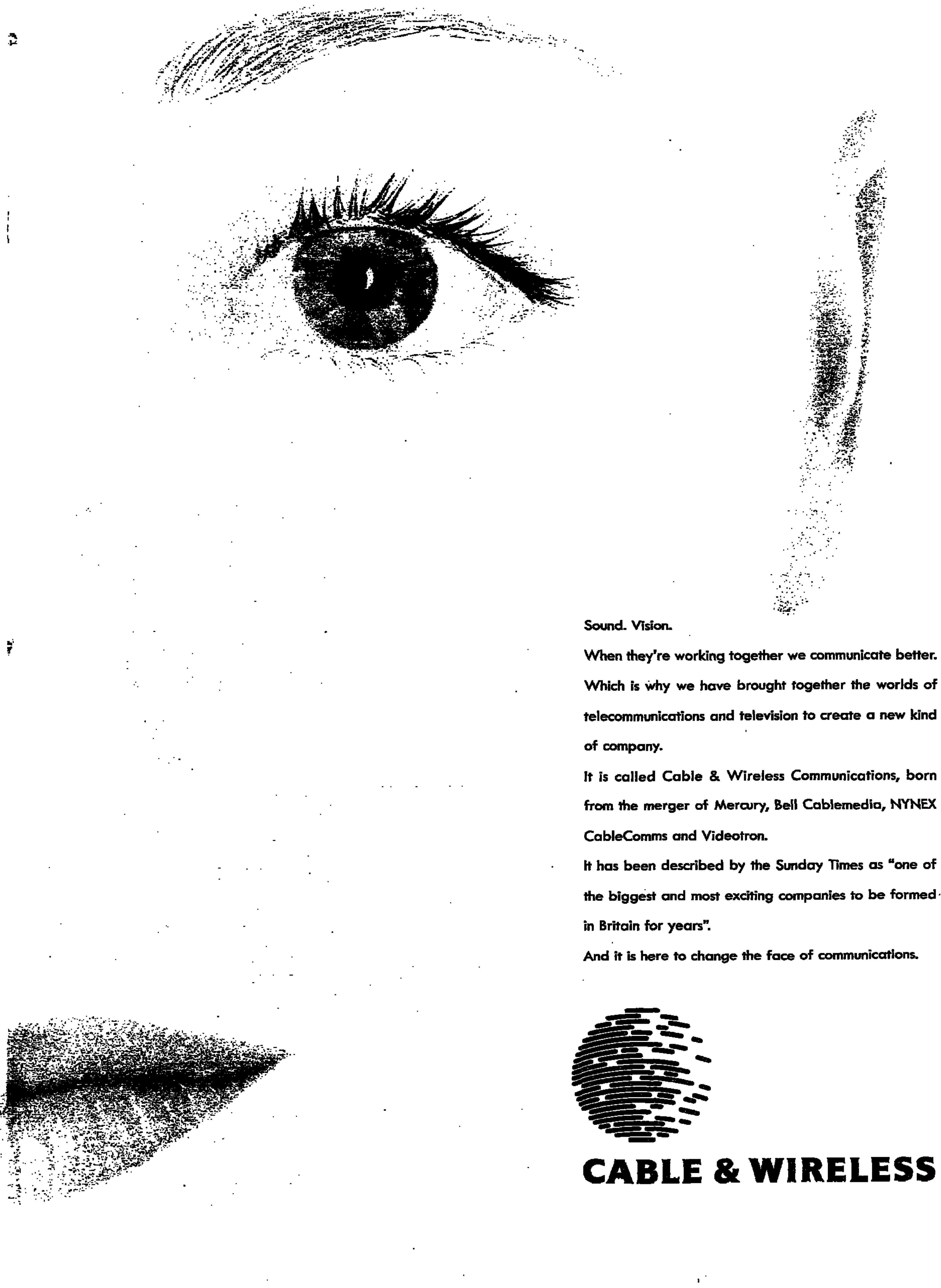
Danish police said four members of the Bandidos were hit by automatic weapon fire from a passing car as they left a crowded burger bar. Police set up roadblocks in the area and a Hell's Angels biker was arrested.

The incident came three days after the murder of a biker in Norway. Last Wednesday, a car bomb exploded at a Bandidos clubhouse in the Norwegian town of Drammen, killing a woman passer-by and prompting the Oslo Government to promise a crackdown on offshoots of American motorcycle clans.

A Nordic vendetta between the two gangs has festered since 1993 when the Bandidos first began to challenge the Hell's Angels for dominance in the region. A member of the Red Necks, who are affiliated to the Hell's Angels, died in a gunfight with Bandidos in Sweden in 1994, and two Bandidos were killed in Sweden and Finland in the following two years.

Full-scale territorial war erupted in March last year when gunmen outside Copenhagen international airport killed a Bandidos leader and wounded three others.

After a spate of anti-tank missile, grenade, bomb and gun attacks on biker clubhouses in built-up areas last summer, the Danish parliament passed emergency legislation giving police sweeping powers to tackle the gangs.



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Time is right for Blair to do business with the Red-Green class of '68

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Roger Boyes

GERMANY

A *Guardian* editorial last week urged the Government to abandon the Eurofighter and shop in Moscow. "Why not, if Britain needs to replace its Tornadoes now, buy Russian planes which (unlike the Eurofighter) are militarily *proven* and would have the added benefit of boosting the Russian economy?"

Why not, indeed? Why not become entirely dependent on Russian spare parts? Why not, in the name of moral foreign policy, contribute to Russia's future as a global arms exporter? We have been far too slow in transferring British jobs to Sverdlovsk.

Despite the appearance of panic — Tony Blair and George Robertson in Bonn lobbying hard for the plane — there is no immediate threat to the Eurofighter. If the Germans can fiddle their way into the euro, they can certainly concoct a way of covering the fighter for 1998. The Eurofighter, unlike the single currency, might actually dent the unemployment figures. There is a real concern about the post-Kohl era and the nature of promises being made in Bonn. The opposition Social Democrats and the Greens are rapidly gathering strength and, at the parliamentary level at least, are beginning to co-ordinate policy. For the first time, a Red-Green government is beginning to look like a real alternative to Helmut Kohl's disintegrating coalition. A left-leaning administration — despite the best efforts of the likely challenger for the Chancellery, Gerhard Schröder — would favour an integrated "social" Europe; Bonn would bubble with costly job-creation schemes and European eco-laws.

Mr Blair can talk deregulation and flexible employment with Herr Kohl. But the foreign, industrial, financial, environmental and defence policies of a post-Kohl Red-Green administration would present problems for the British. If Mr Blair wants to readjust the balance of Anglo-German relations to British advantage, now is the *time to act — in the dog days* of the Kohl team.

The most likely Kohl succession scenario was that an economic recovery in 1998 would allow the Chancellor to rally support and, though weakened, he would survive elections — but only by dint of a grand coalition with the Social Democrats.

Wolfgang Schaüble, the Chancellor's right-hand man, would put this coalition together and eventually takeover from *Herr Kohl*. The Free Democrats, by insisting on a tax-cutting profile, have denied themselves the *traditional role of kingmaker*. They can no longer flee to the side of the Social Democrats. This scenario never quite took into account the effect on Herr Kohl's fortunes of a delayed or a fudged euro.

Now it is precisely the bungling of the euro debate that has tilted the balance in favour of Red-Green. Most Germans today credit the Social Democrats with greater budgetary management skills than the Government. Opinion polls fluctuate, but they give the Social Democrats close *to 40 per cent of the* vote and the Greens about 14 per cent. If the lead holds, Herr Kohl will be thrashed. There is a sense in Bonn that the real divisions are no longer Left-Right, or modernisers versus conservatives but rather old versus young.

The number of Germans over the age of 60 is rising rapidly. Their pensions have to be paid by the shrinking, embittered younger generation. Older people are now *turning to the* Social Democrats for protection, the younger to the Greens. A Red-Green government *can therefore* claim to be a socially integrative force.

Herr Kohl is 66 and remembers his Marshall Plan food packages. The top Social Democrats and Greens are close to 50 and they matured politically during the student upheavals of 1968. Rock stars may be keeling over *at this* age, but to German voters they still seem young — and suddenly respectable.

Oskar Lafontaine has married his lover; Herr Schröder is about to marry his mistress; Joschka Fischer, the Green leader, has been left by his wife but has lost 10kg of surplus padding and now wears a jacket and tie. This is how the 1968ers prepare for power. The handover is approaching.

Budget stalemate threatens to wreck Kohl coalition

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL'S government coalition could break up over the next four weeks unless new ways are found to plug the budget deficit.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, delivered this dramatic message at the weekend when he warned other members of the government: "None of the coalition partners can afford to play tactical games on this matter." His remarks, delivered to an unusually appreciative audience of fellow Christian Social Union members, were aimed chiefly at the Free Democrats, the junior coalition partners, who have resisted tax increases.

The idea that Herr Kohl's government might be on the brink of collapse has also been nourished by an internal memorandum circulating in the Chancellor's office. The memo has none of the upbeat *phrases usually associated* with briefings for the Chancellor. Herr Kohl, it says, is "in a particularly serious situation". Even *the* German press, which normally sleeps through crises, has become aware of brewing trouble.

The Government has *to* introduce a supplementary budget for 1997 to make up for a £7 billion shortfall in tax revenues caused by record unemployment. Herr Waigel this week begins negotiations with the other parties and ministers to make the necessary savings. One cut will be in the agency that runs labour exchanges; this will almost certainly entail further cuts in dole payments.

Even the most optimistic analysis, however, cannot fathom a way out of the crisis. *New borrowing is rejected* because the constitution limits how many new credits can be taken out, and because such a move *would throw Bonn* completely off track for European economic and monetary union. Tax increases are out because the Free Democrats threaten to bring down the government if there is an upward movement. And delaying *EMU is also out of the* question.

Everything will come to a head by the beginning of July — *hence Herr Waigel's prophecy* — because then the equally vulnerable 1998 budget has to be presented to cabinet.

The Chancellor's *tactics* over the coming months — as budget and EMU problems close in on his government — are slowly becoming clear. *Much hope is being invested* in an economic recovery which may help to ease the record levels of unemployment. The immediate goal in coming months is to push unemployment to below four million; it is currently sticking to around 4.25 million.

In September, Herr Kohl plans a cabinet reshuffle. One plan is to make Herr Waigel *foreign minister, his personal* ambition but also the dearest wish of Herr Waigel's party, the Christian Social Union, *which believes it stands to lose* hundreds of thousands of votes as long as it is identified with a deeply unpopular Finance Minister.

But the switch would have an additional advantage: only Herr Waigel is identified with *the phrase* that Germany must make exactly the 3 per cent of gross domestic product public deficit target for EMU — *that is, not by 3.1 per cent* or by 3.2 per cent. The minister repeated the pledge at the weekend, though other government politicians seem to be ready to beat a retreat.

HOWARD BURDITT / REUTER

An employee of Zimbabwe's National Parks and Wildlife Management holds up the massive tusks of a bull elephant in an ivory store in Harare. Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia are seeking a partial lifting of the 1989 world ban on ivory trade to enable them to sell tusks culled from their 150,000-strong herd. But they fear

Plea for secret ivory vote

that a public vote at this week's meeting of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), in Harare, is unlikely to produce a fair result (Nick Nuttall writes). They are pressing for a secret ballot to decide whether the worldwide ban should be lifted. Wildlife officials in Zimbabwe claim some nations receiving aid from Western countries, including the United States which opposes lifting of the ban, would be too intimidated to vote for a resumption if the ballot is made public. The three African states want to sell stockpiled ivory to Japan, which is backing them. Britain is concerned that a partial lifting will encourage poachers and that it will be impossible to know if the cargo to Japan is old ivory or from freshly killed animals.

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Russian death rate alarms doctors

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA's leading doctors gave a warning at the weekend that the nation was dying on its feet, with the death rate climbing, the birthrate shrinking and the Government doing nothing to help the collapsing medical services.

In one of the darkest diagnoses of the state of Russia's health, 1,700 senior physicians, attending a medical conference in Moscow, concluded *in a resolution: "Russia* is losing its main state asset — its citizens."

According to statistics Russia's *population of 150 million* is shrinking by about one million a year with the death rate outrunning the birth rate *by 1.6 times.*

The doctors were so concerned that they sent a letter to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the *Prime Minister,* stating that the Government no longer fulfilled its legal obligation to provide free medical care. *They have threatened to take* the authorities to court over the issue and are planning nationwide protest action next weekend.

Russian men are the category most at risk. Because of alcoholism, smoking, stress *and poor medical care the life* expectancy of the average Russian male stands at 58, about 15 years below men *living in Western Europe.*

Although free medical care is a right enshrined for every Russian citizen under the constitution, *in reality* public health service has virtually ceased to exist. An acquaintance who needed an emergency *heart operation* recently had to pay several thousand pounds to undergo tests, surgery and follow-up treatment. *If he had not been able to* afford the costs, he would certainly have died.

William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Croatia 'peace train' stoned

FROM TOM WALKER
IN VUKOVAR

PRESIDENT TUDJMAN of *Croatia yesterday defied* United Nations advice and took a "train of peace" to his country's remaining Serb region, *Eastern Slavonia.*

However, after the ailing Croatian leader made a plea for reconciliation between *Croats and Serbs in the devastated* city of Vukovar, his train was stoned by a mob.

About 140,000 Serbs in Eastern Slavonia *fear that they may be forced from the* region when it reverts to Croatian rule next month. Mr Tudjman described the visit, *during his re-election* campaign, as an act of friendship to unite the country. "We cannot only pray, we also have *to forgive,"* he said at Vukovar's ruined railway station. "We want a peaceful common life."

Serbs were barred by about 1,500 UN soldiers from attending the speech. But despite the peacekeepers' presence, a *group of between 20 and 30 men stoned the train as it was* leaving Vukovar, breaking at least seven windows, witnesses said.

Josipa Lisac, a Croatian jazz singer, was in one of the compartments where flying stones made people duck and *lie on the floor. She said* nobody was seriously hurt.

The visit had been opposed by Jacques Klein, the UN *administrator in the region.*

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ROBIN MAYES

Searching for signs of life: Professor Colin Pillinger, one of the prime movers behind European attempts to investigate the Red Planet

All aboard for Mars

Anjana Ahuja meets Colin Pillinger, the football-loving professor with an urgent mission

If life has existed anywhere in the solar system apart from on our planet, you can be confident that Colin Pillinger will help to unearth it. He has dedicated his professional life to the cause — his first university job was to study Moon rock, and he was involved in the announcement last November that a Martian meteorite once contained primitive life forms. His hour of glory may be near.

Pillinger, Professor of Planetary Science at the Open University, and Professor Alan Wells, of Leicester University, are the prime movers behind European attempts to mount a quickfire mission to Mars — the *Mars Express* — in 2003. Their efforts to persuade colleagues to take up the search seem to have paid off — in Paris last week, the European Space Agency (ESA) gave the go-ahead for the scientists to solicit proposals for the mission.

The launch may lie six years away, but that is extremely short notice. Normally, a major space mission would be about a decade in the planning. The reason for the urgency is down to the planets — a fortuitous planetary arrangement that falls around May 2003 would allow a larger payload than normal to make the journey to Mars. In Professor Pillinger's eyes, this provides the perfect opportunity to send a lander module to touch down on the planet's surface. The lander would be equipped to inspect down to a depth of 1.5 metres for organic material, the carbon-containing stuff of life. It has not gone unnoticed that should the mission come to fruition, the Europeans will have beaten the Americans in the race to carry out such a search, although ESA has not ruled out joining forces with Nasa.

Mars Express has "gatecrashed" its way to the top of the ESA agenda, a fact begrudged by scientists on rival projects. But Professor Pillinger is unrepentant. "This is what people care about. When I talk to them, they only ever want to know if there was once life on Mars.

> 'People want to know if there was once life on Mars'

"I passionately believe that conditions on Mars were once conducive to life," he says. He points out that certain life forms, called extremophiles, can thrive in spectacularly harsh conditions. "Some can hibernate at temperatures well below zero, and there is tentative evidence for life at 150C. How much more tenacious can you get?"

Mars is indeed a hostile world. The fourth planet from the Sun has an atmosphere composed largely of carbon dioxide, but atmospheric pressure is only a few thousandths of that on Earth. The temperature is around freezing, and plummets to -140C at night. The fine dust on its surface is often whipped up by winds blowing at 325kph.

The planet has played host to guests before. In 1976, Nasa sent two Viking landers to scour the surface for signs of life, without success. A Russian mission, *Mars 96*, was due to follow in Viking's footsteps but exploded on the launchpad. Surprisingly, its demise could provide the lifeblood for the *Mars Express*. Professor Pillinger says: "We know the Russians have built a lander. We have been in touch and are meeting scientists in Russia at the end of the month to discuss ideas."

ESA will provide £123 million for the launch, an orbiting probe and mission operations, but a lander would have to be funded separately.

At 54, the professor seems perfectly suited to the role of animated academic, with his wayward hair and lilac shirt. His justifications for seeking extraterrestrial life are delivered in a thick Bristol accent; he spent his childhood there, listening to the cult radio programme *Journey into Space*. He went on to study chemistry at Swansea University. During his PhD, he noticed an advertisement for an unusual job at the University of Bristol.

"It was in 1968, a year before the Apollo programme started," he says. "Bristol wanted someone who was into organic mass spectroscopy to analyse lunar rock." Professor Pillinger got the job on the spot and moved back to Bristol, where he met his wife, Judy, now a researcher in his department. He later decamped to Cambridge University, and was lured to his present leafy campus in 1984. He has been professor at the OU since 1991. He is also Gresham Professor of Astronomy, which entails delivering six public lectures in London each year. When not watching football, he can be found tending his 30-acre farm in Cambridge. "Everything comes second to football," he says.

Professor Pillinger began to focus seriously on the Red Planet after he was invited to apply his lunar expertise to a Martian meteorite, called EETA 79001, in the mid-Eighties. Together with Dr Monica Grady and Dr Ian Wright, the husband and wife team now at the Natural History Museum, Professor Pillinger discovered organic material inside the meteorite. They published their results in *Nature* but stopped short of saying they had found evidence of life.

Then came AH84001, the meteorite discovered in Antarctica, which also boasted this tell-tale organic signature.

That momentous announcement was underpinned by a very simple measurement concerning the ratio of two isotopes of carbon (isotopes are slightly different forms of the same element). The rock under our feet is a record of the life around it. In terrestrial rock, the ratio of carbon-12 to carbon-13, as the isotopes are known, is approximately 92 to 1. So, for every carbon-13 atom in the rock sample, there are 92 carbon-12 atoms.

However, in rocks which have not ever seen life, such as lunar chunks and most Martian meteorites, the ratio is 89 to 1. This is where the sophisticated chemistry — and the Pillinger expertise — comes in. Professor Pillinger is "extremely hopeful" that *Mars Express* will make it to the launchpad. Would it please him to beat the Americans? "It's nice to win. Nobody would deny that."

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Blight marches on

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

THE potato famine of the 1840s lives on in Irish memories, the cause of more than a million deaths and a huge exodus to the New World.

Recently, the Prime Minister issued an apology for Britain's role in the affair, acknowledging that more might have been done to help. But a paper in this month's *BioScience* makes what many scientists may feel is a more salient point.

Far from being merely a historical irritant in Anglo-Irish relations, the organism that caused the famine is doing real damage in North America — and could yet cause hunger, if not famine, in the Third World. Potato blight is caused by a fungus-like organism called *Phytophthora infestans*, which can turn a field of potatoes brown in a few days. It is thought to have reached the US from Mexico, but it spread slowly at first because only one of its mating types appears to have crossed the Rio Grande. That meant the organism had to reproduce asexually, cramping its style and making it easy meat for the fungicide metalaxyl. Farmers could control it by spraying at the first sign. "It was a disease that potato-growers didn't take seriously," Dr Stephen Goodwin, a plant pathologist from Purdie University in Indiana, told *BioScience*.

The arrival of more resistant strains from Mexico, plus the second mating type, changed the situation. This meant that the organism could develop resistance to the fungicide more easily. Since the late 1970s, say Dr Goodwin and Dr Bill Fry from Cornell University, this resistance has increased. In 1985, only California had these resistant strains, but by 1995 they were in 31 American states and eight Canadian provinces. Eight strains have been reported, with three more new ones awaiting confirmation. They can destroy a potato field in less than two weeks. "It's the most explosive disease I have ever seen," says Dr Goodwin. So far, fungicides designed for other plants have been pressed into service with moderate success. Ciba, the agrochemical company, has been given permission by the US Department of Agriculture to sell several other fungicides for use on potatoes.

But the situation in Central America indicates that this process may have its limits. The resistant strains have existed there for years and are controlled only by spraying ever-higher doses of fungicides.

Today, no country in the West is as dependent on potatoes as the Irish were in the 19th century, so the dangers of famine posed by the blight are much less. But there are still many countries in Africa and Asia where potatoes are a major part of the diet. If the organism continues spreading, it could cause problems that even an apology from Tony Blair would fail to cure.

Super-fibre that is made in space

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A little drip's history lesson

THE stalagmites and stalactites of the Soreq Cave in Israel have a tale to tell. When analysed for the isotopes they contain, say Dr Aaron Kaufman of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth and his colleagues, a record of eastern Mediterranean rainfall and vegetation over the past 58,000 years.

The scientists can age the samples from the amounts of uranium-234 and thorium-230 they contain. When first formed by dripping water laden with calcium carbonate, they contain only uranium-234, which slowly decays to thorium-230. By measuring the ratio of the two isotopes, the stalagmites and stalagtites can be accurately dated.

To get climatic information from them, successive layers are analysed for stable isotopes known to be a function of specific rainfall and temperature conditions, including the ratios of carbon-13 to carbon-12, and oxygen-18 to oxygen-16. The results, reported in *Quaternary Research*, show that from 58,000 to 20,000 years ago, the region was dry and cool. After that there were some sharp climatic fluctuations until about 6,000 years ago, when today's climatic pattern was established.

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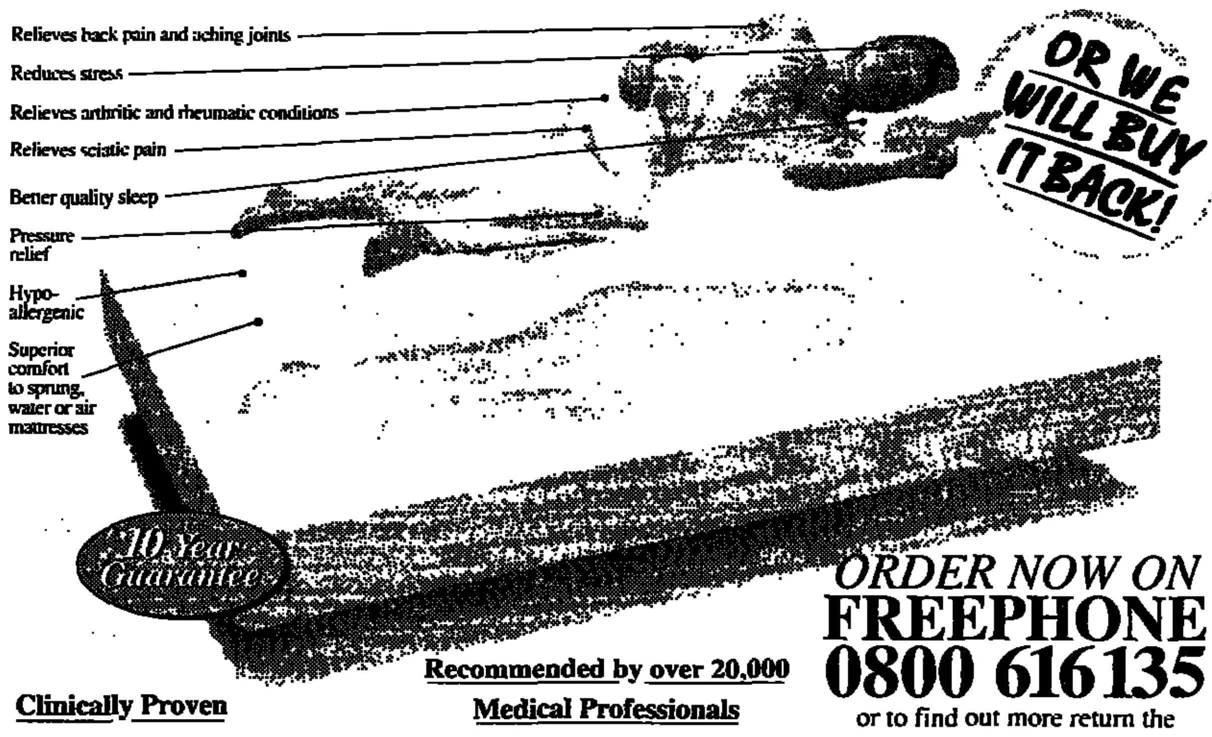

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Out to lunch

Guide to the top 50 of Britain's most accomplished lunch dates

MATT FORD

Table talkers: Trevor Nunn favours bangers and mash at The Ivy; Michael White goes for Japanese food and Hollywood stars, while Tara Palmer-Tomkinson joins the other It-Girls for Caesar salads in South Kensington

THE RISE OF RESTAURANT POWER

The midday meal is once again the place for serious power broking. **Bill Frost** reports

After a decade and more of neglect and vilification, a once sacrosanct *British* tradition is staging a comeback. Lunch is no longer a dirty word and offices are again emptying at 1pm as we shake off the fear bred during years of recession and job insecurity.

The seal is set on this renaissance by new Labour — Tony Blair and his Cabinet are pro-lunch. Fears that ministers were to be prevented from enjoying the hospitality of political correspondents have been scotched by No 10. They are responding to invitations with almost greater alacrity than their predecessors.

Angelo Maresca, *maitre d'hôtel* at the Savoy Grill for the past 30 years, is a happy man once more. Customers who went without lunch in the late Eighties and early Nineties are enjoying themselves again.

The grill room is full of the deal-makers and high rollers who, ten years ago, were eating at their screens while working. "I worried that these days would never return," says Mr Maresca. "Perhaps there will never be the all-day lunch of the Seventies, but it is no longer a sin to take a break in the middle of the day."

Kit Chapman of the Castle at Taunton, in Somerset, has also noted a change. "People are now saying 'long live lunch' — one of the greatest institutions in any civilised society. We are much busier than we were, but this is a new kind of meal — shorter, lighter and less alcohol." Deirdre Cooper, landlady of the Old Inn at Carbost, on the Isle of Skye, says her customers — local business people and tourists — are no longer frightened to have lunch. "It's a full meal, too — something they never would have chosen in the lean years. I suppose people have more disposable income and are less worried about their jobs."

Such advocacy of lunch is made more compelling by scientific research. According to a survey conducted by Boots the Chemist, office staff who work through lunch are costing British business £32 million a year.

Many office workers who eat at their desks say they are left feeling depressed, angry and are inefficient when dealing with customers or colleagues during the afternoon. With the average employee earning £17,000, these side-effects cost companies dearly. *Distracted and irritable,* workers make errors and become resentful towards their employers and those who lunch.

Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology says: "We need breaks in our working day, more than ever before now that the fax machine, the PC and the information superhighway are taking the place of contact with colleagues."

Accountants belie their boring image by hosting the most expensive and boozy blow-outs, according to a survey by the Athenaeum Hotel in London. They are still tucking into roast beef despite "mad cow" disease. Cutbacks in expenses have not dented their devotion to the pleasures of the table.

Nine out of ten executives claim lunchtime drinking is "beneficial", with four out of five admitting they "always" or "often" order wine with lunch, says the survey. Nearly 80 per cent believe that the *bonhomie* over a lavish lunch helps them to forge valuable contacts and conclude major deals.

Angelo Maresca has observed the phenomenon at close quarters: the story goes that Kerry Packer, Sir James Goldsmith and Lord Rothschild, planning their takeover of BAT, booked three tables on the quietest side of the grill room, keeping two on either side empty to prevent eavesdropping.

"Deals *are made* here, of course. But once the business is over, people are enjoying themselves once more, not rushing back to the office," says Mr Maresca.

"Port is back in fashion, so is the Havana cigar, and these cannot be rushed." There is scientific evidence, so often an enemy of the good life, allegedly showing that midday diners suffer a slump in alertness lasting up to two hours. Andrew Smith, a psychologist at Sussex University, suggested that volunteers were found to be sleepier, had slower reactions and were less attentive after lunch. "The *bigger the meal,* the more lapses in concentration," he says. Despite the apparent lunch renaissance, Britain is well down the European table. UK bosses, along with the Dutch, were spending the least time and money on a midday meal the last time statistics were compiled in 1994. The average was £3 — often on sandwiches — consumed at a gallop during a 30-minute break.

> 'Port is back in fashion, so are Havana cigars'

The French and the Italians were the biggest spenders, paying about £8 for their 90-minute lunch, usually taken at midday, while the Spanish took a two-hour siesta.

Even the Germans spent nearly 40 minutes over two courses in the company canteen.

NICHOLAS SOAMES
MP for Mid Sussex and former Tory Defence Minister
Goes to: Wiltons in Jermyn Street, the Connaught.
Eats: lobster cocktail, fish and chips (sole and sautéed potatoes) — "the best". Loves roast beef and Yorkshire pudding
Drinks: Champagne and a pint of Guinness at the end — but not on duty.
Lunches with: the Prince of Wales, Lord Cranborne, Alastair Goodlad.
Lunching tips: "If you've had a morale bash in the morning, it's important to have a good lunch. It makes you feel a lot better."
Does he get the bill? more often now that he is no longer a minister.

TREVOR NUNN
Theatre director who will take over at the National Theatre later this year.
Goes to: The Ivy, Le Caprice, The People's Palace.
Eats: The Ivy's upmarket nursery food, bangers and mash, fishcakes.
Drinks: modestly.
Lunches with: Imogen Stubbs, Alan Rickman, Richard Eyre, Sir Peter Hall, Sir Cameron Mackintosh.
Style: not a formal luncher, wears trainers, loose jackets, maybe a script poking out of his pocket. He looks more like a polytechnic lecturer than a multimillionaire director.

DEREK DRAPER
Intimate of Peter Mandelson, new Labour's favourite lobbyist.
Goes to: Groucho Club, Oxo Tower.
Eats: no starter, fish, then strong black coffee.
Drinks: sea breeze — vodka, dry white wine.
Lunches with: Peter Mandelson, Tim Allan, Charlotte Raven, with whom he plans to relaunch *The Modern Review.*

THE IT-GIRLS
Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, Letitia Cash, Tamara Beckwith, Normandie Keith.
Go to: Daphne's, The Collection, both in South Kensington, Vingt-Quatre.
Eat: *Marlboro Lights* seasoned with Caesar salads and Chicken Tara at Vingt-Quatre.
Drink: sea breezes, white wine, fizzy mineral water.
Lunch with: each other, Robert Hanson, Lucas White, polo players, Jemima Khan, hysterical PRs.
Habits: slowly learning to turn their mobiles off during lunch, but it isn't proving easy.

FRANK JOHNSON
Editor of *The Spectator*
Goes to: Simpson's-in-the Strand, the Garrick.
Eats: Scotch smoked salmon

Sitting pretty: restaurants are full of lunchtime diners

TOMORROW

The lunch bunch. In part two of our series on the state-of-the-art lunch, we continue our guide to Britain's most influential lunch dates

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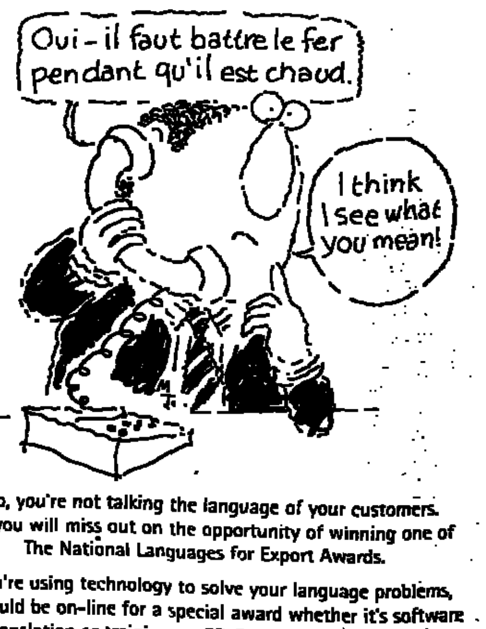

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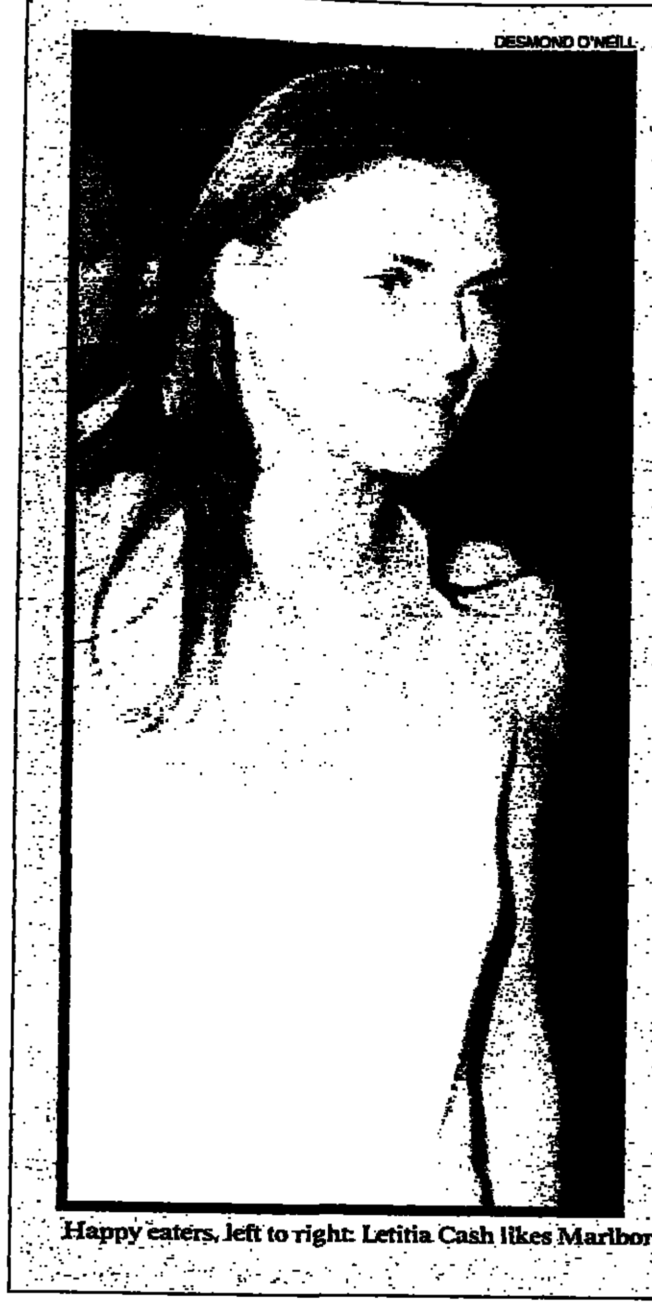

Irvine: a taste for pasta and puddings

WARREN HARRISON

Happy eaters, left to right: Letitia Cash likes Marlboro Lights and fizzy water; Derek Draper, loved by New Labour, fish and strong black coffee; David Mellor, good fun at lunch; and Sir Tim Bell, mingles between the tables

Inkfish to pasta: **Philip Delves Broughton** on the eating habits of the good, the bold and the hungry

followed by rack of lamb.
Drinks: vodka tonic, beer, red wine and Fernet Branca.
Lunches with: Alan Watkins, Bruce Anderson, David Mellor, Giannandrea Poesio, *The Spectator's* ballet critic, any of his latest *amitiés amoureuses*.
Habits: used to have the same lunch in Simpson's every day, before moving to *The Spectator*, where he can scrum down in a private dining room with his deputy editor.

JOHN HUMPHRYS
Presenter of Radio 4's *Today* programme.
Goes to: The Brackenbury in Shepherds Bush, the canteen for BBC staff round the corner in White City, Nico Central in Langham Place (preferred by big BBC wheels).
Eats: fish off the bone.
Drinks: nothing.
Lunches with: his producer, researchers from the show, younger journalists.
Afterwards: having got up at 4am, he retires home after lunch for a siesta.

MICHAEL WHITE
Theatre producer.
Goes to: The Ivy, Andrew Edmunds, L'Incontro, Japanese restaurants.
Eats: health foods, salads, pops regular wheatgrass supplements.
Drinks: beer, wine, all in moderation.
Lunches with: Hollywood stars, from Jack Nicholson to Richard Gere, fellow impresarios, lots of young women.
Likes: a quick lunch. "It's all so professional these days, you just haven't got time to linger." Prefers to don his large velvet greatcoat for a full evening's entertainment, ends by dancing the Macarena in Tramp.

PAMELA LADY HARLECH
Chairman of English National Ballet; trustee of the V&A.
Goes to: The Ivy, Orso, Launceston Place.
Eats: Bang bang chicken.
Drinks: Perrier water.
Lunches with: Derek Dean, ENB director, Sir Roy Strong, Diana, Princess of Wales, Lord Snowdon.
Habits: stays regally in place while others come to greet her in the cattle market of The Ivy. One of the cultural scene's *grandes dames*. Not an air-kisser.

SIR TIM BELL
PR man.
Goes to: Mark Birley's two private restaurants, Harry's bar and Mark's Club, the Windows Piano Bar in the Park Lane Hilton.
Eats: inkfish risotto, fishcakes, white truffle pasta.
Drinks: Prosecco or champagne. Fresh mint tea at Harry's Bar.
Lunches with: Lord King of Wartnaby, Baroness Thatcher, Gordon Reece, Prince Michael of Kent.
Loves to: mingle between tables and leave his chauffeur-driven Mercedes purring outside throughout lunch.

Soames: Guinness to finish

LORD IRVINE OF LAIRG
The Lord Chancellor.
Goes to: dining rooms in the Inns of Court, takes juniors to Orso in Covent Garden, the Garrick Club.
Eats: steak and kidney puddings, rich pastas, puddings.
Drinks: not claret-shy, has a famously well stocked cellar.
Lunches with: fellow wigs, Lord Falconer of Thoroton, the new Solicitor-General.
Reputation: asked last year by a fellow Garrick member who he was, declared: "I'm the next Lord Chancellor." Has been known to finish dinner standing on the table.

DAVID MELLOR
Former Tory MP for Putney.
Goes to: Langan's Brasserie, Pont de la Tour, Shepherd's, Le Caprice.
Eats: three courses, cholesterol not a problem.
Drinks: Champagne, not one to overrule demands for just one more bottle.
Lunches with: Michael Caine, Sir David Frost, Ken Bates, owner of Chelsea Football Club, John Gummer.
Reputation: by all accounts, and despite the reputation, very good fun at lunch. Gossipy, engaging, with a very loud laugh.

BRUCE ANDERSON
Deputy editor of *The Spectator*
Goes to: Rules, Suntory, Simpson's, Wiltons.
Eats: lobster, high game and steamed puddings.
Drinks: demijohns of whatever's on offer. A weakness for grands crus.
Lunches with: Cabinet ministers, young Conservatives he thinks are going places, daughters of the Tory squirearchy, and anyone else who can stand the pace.
Advice when sitting next to him: ask to be moved.
Does he get the bill? when in gainful employment is generous with his expense account.

RUUD GULLIT
Chelsea manager
Goes to: L'Incontro, Santinis, smart Knightsbridge Italians.
Eats: risotto, pasta, no puddings.
Drinks: grape juice; gets upset if it's not available.
Lunches with: his girlfriend (Johann Cruyff's niece), Gianfranco Zola, Roberto di Matteo, sometimes on his own.
Manners: firm, yet polite. The sort to venture off-menu in search of the right balance of food groups.

KENNETH CLARKE
Former Chancellor and Tory leadership challenger
Goes to: Nico at 90
Eats: steak tartare with chips, raw meat a favourite.
Lunches with: Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Phillip Oppenheim and George Melly
Risks: some loose talk with two BBC journalists just before the election landed him in hot water. Though perhaps he meant it.

LORD ROGERS OF RIVERSIDE
Architect
Goes to: The River Café, next door to his Hammersmith office. Designed by him, run by his wife, has graduated from being his office canteen into a whole culinary industry in itself.
Eats: Parmesan-topped salads, £20-a-dish Italian peasant food.
Drinks: mineral water, crisp white wines to match his crisp white linen shirts.
Lunches with: fellow architects, Alan Yentob and his wife Philippa Walker, Matthew Evans, head of Faber & Faber, Peter Mandelson.
Likes to: line up cutlery and let his smile unfold slowly.

TEN RULES FOR EATING OUT IN THE NINETIES

1. LUNCH EARLY. The most chic lunches now start between 12.15 and 12.30, thus allowing for more rapid and attentive service and, with departure at around 2pm, neatly by-passing the three o'clock rush for taxis.

2. LUNCH LIGHT. There are few more unattractive sights than someone troughing at lunch. Only a person with the social graces of Saddam Hussein thinks that lunch is a part of the nutritional process. It is, instead, an exercise in posturing.

3. LUNCH BLAND. Never eat highly seasoned or exotic food for lunch. Risotto nero may be very tasty but it turns your mouth, lips and napkin black. Anything with whole cloves of garlic should be avoided.

4. LUNCH TIDY. Avoid anything that involves too much effort or special equipment, like lobster crackers, bibs or finger bowls — it is bound to be messy, time-consuming and injurious to your dignity. Curry is not a lunch option, some of it is bound to end up on your expensive silk tie.

5. LUNCH SMART. If you are unable to identify a dish on the menu, never display your ignorance by asking what it is. Instead ask "How is it served?"

6. LUNCH DRY. Booze is difficult. Ask for the wine list and your companion might think you are a lush, call for the Evian and you risk being thought puritanical. Instead, press wine upon your companion while claiming to be a recovering alcoholic.

7. LUNCH REGULAR. If hosting lunch, choose a restaurant where you are known. To be greeted by name is a comforting feeling.

8. LUNCH POLITE. It is no longer considered clever to treat waiting staff as if they were sub-human.

9. LUNCH SHORT. Pudding is extinct at many lunches. Arriving late and leaving early is a mark of one's incredible importance and supremely hectic schedule.

10. LUNCH HONEST. If splitting the bill, do not then snaffle the receipt and put it on your expenses . . . this is just plain mean.

NICK FOULKES

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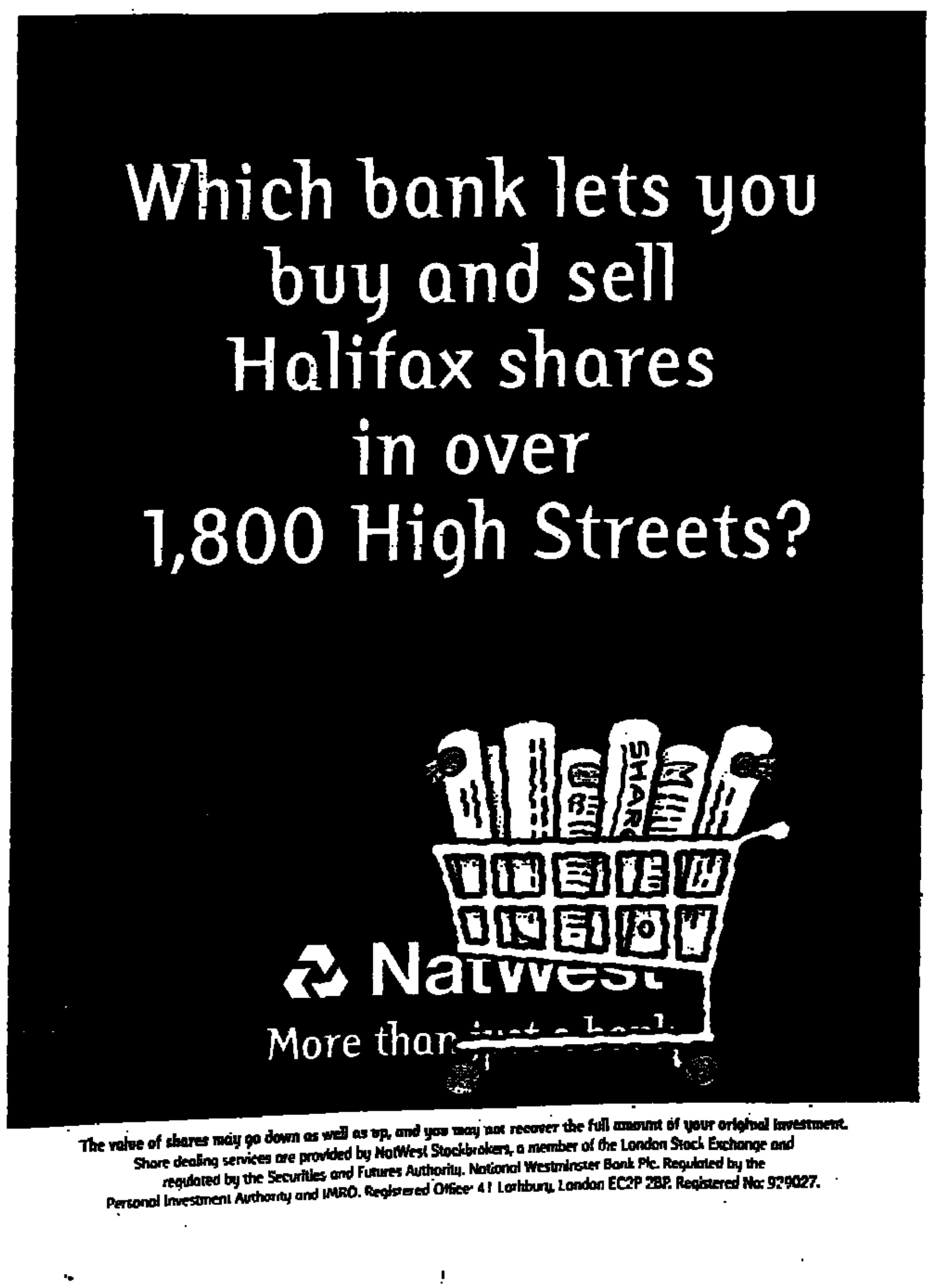

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REVIEW: Wednesday

■ THEATRE

Leslie Caron makes her debut on the Chichester stage in *Nocturne for Lovers*

OPENS: Tonight

REVIEW: Wednesday

■ DANCE

Birmingham Royal Ballet steps out to Duke Ellington in *Nutcracker Sweeties* at Covent Garden

OPENS: Tonight

REVIEW: Wednesday

Close to the edge

THEATRE

The Censor
Duke of York's

THERE is evidently no limit to what the Royal Court boys will do to create unusual spaces within their theatres. Eviscerating the stalls, placing an audience on the stage and actors in the auditorium, dividing one of the smallest West End theatres horizontally into two even smaller theatres: those are just last year's tricks.

When you descend to the stalls for Anthony Neilson's play, transferred from the pocket-sized Finborough, you will glance at the empty rows and assume there is time for several drinks in the cyclamen-painted bar. Don't be misled by that emptiness. The audience has already been ushered through the curtain to where, from three rows of seats occupying the front of the stage, they will watch three actors at the rear of it.

Julian McGowan's black set, fiercely cross-lit (by Jo Joelson), bare of all furniture but three chairs and a desk, is an ingenious way of recreating at a bigger venue the intimacy of a fringe environment. The production team may have feared they would have difficulty filling an unaltered Duke of York's with a play that included scenes of masturbation, defecation and missionary coition: a play's intensity can be painfully diluted by enlargement.

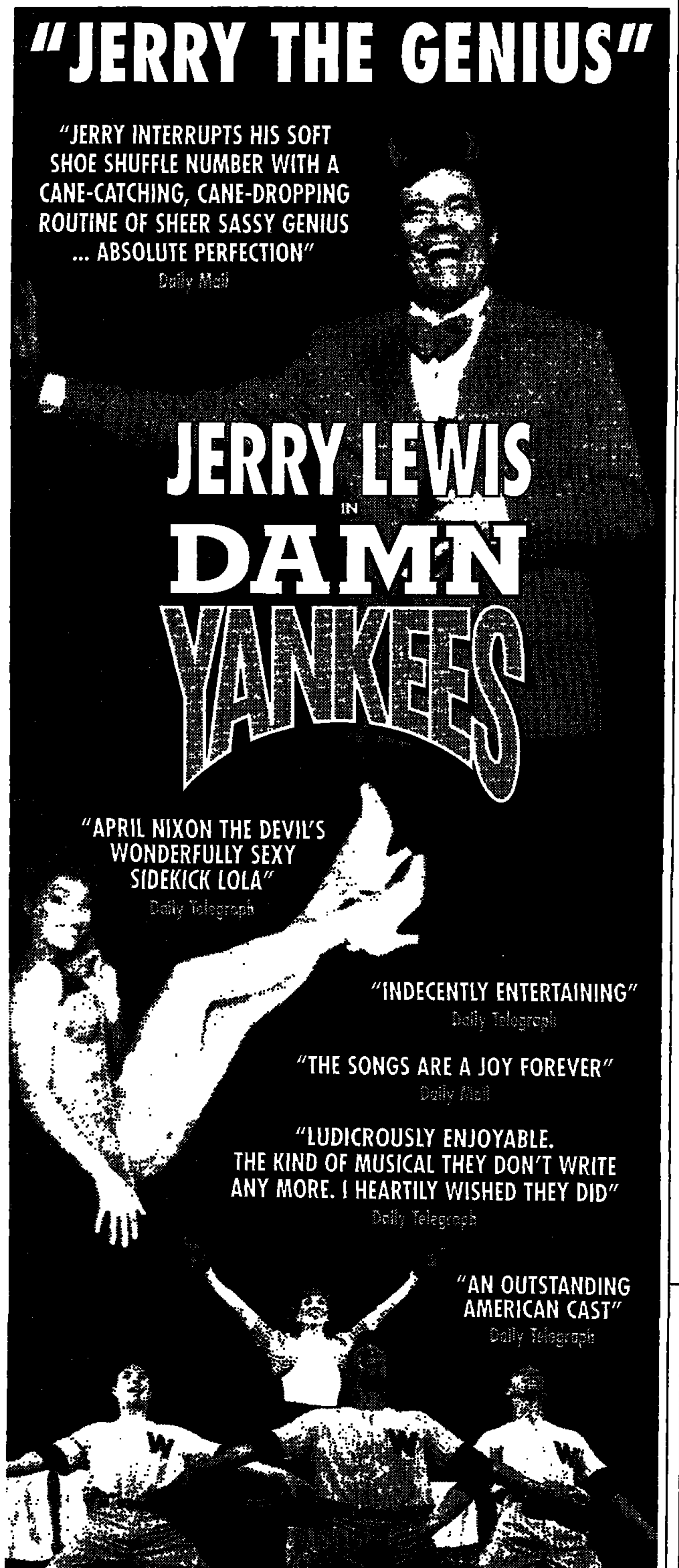
In his 80-minute play Neilson is not addressing directly the matter of Censorship, For and Against, but presents us with the deeply anxious personality of one particular, fairly junior and unnamed film censor. A director has made a film consisting of one sex act after another; no dialogue, no evident narrative or subtext, just the fundamental activity.

Alastair Galbraith's feebly unresourceful Censor sees it as your basic hardcore pornography, with no hope of a licence for public viewing. The director (Raquel Cassidy), always addressed by him as "Miss Fontaine" despite the intimacy of their subsequent activity, endeavours to show him otherwise.

She calls him "Mr Censor", and inevitably what he is really censoring are his own wishes, the mucky longings he is too ashamed to own up to to a partner, which have led to impotence in the marriage bed and a long career as a paid voyeur. The scenes in his office are interspersed with excerpts from a bleak conversation with his wife (Alison Newman) about her lover, a mostly one-sided conversation since he is virtually incapable of making a contribution.

Nielson is a strong dramatist, one of that group of Royal Court writers who combine the desire to work on taboo subjects with a feeling for the theatrical effect of suspense, surprise and verbal precision. His own direction conveys these qualities, through lengthy pauses, shock revelations and dialogue uninterested in euphemism.

JEREMY KINGSTON



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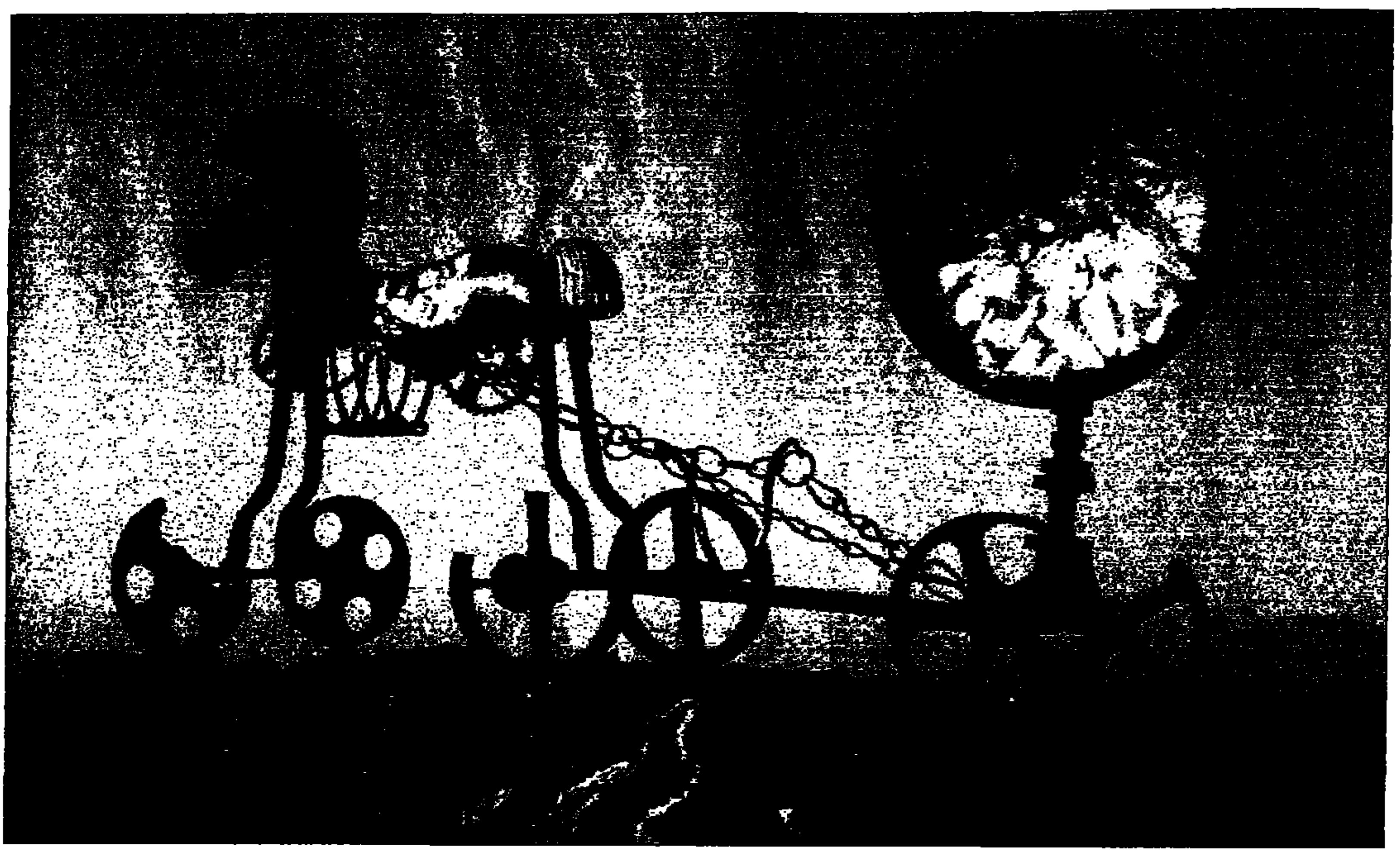
VISUAL ART: **Isabel Carlisle** finds there's more to Cornish creativity than St Ives



The zany *Trundler Sun* by David Kemp, from his "museum" at the Count House, Botallack, one of 14 themed sites on the Cornish peninsula

Bright lights at Land's End

Arts institutions on the tip of the Cornish peninsula are united in a venture that has shaken up local ideas of what art is all about. Radically unlike the paintings and sculpture of the St Ives and Newlyn artists, *A Quality of Light* is a combination of gallery exhibitions and site-specific installations. Fourteen artists have created work for natural and industrial settings, taking the ever-changing quality of Cornish light as their theme.

From the Hayle river to St Ives, along the coast road past Zennor to Geevor tin mine and Botallack, then passing Land's End to reach Porthcurno, Newlyn and the Penzance and St Erth railway stations, the treeless expanses of moor edged by cliffs and the sea provide spectacular links between the series of installations.

Mona Hatoum, a candidate for the Turner Prize in 1995, uses 241 lightbulbs in a work called *Current Disturbance* in the darkened upper room of the Newlyn Art Gallery. Caught and isolated like battery chickens in a square block of wood and wire cages, each is wired to a central junction box. As changing combinations of bulbs dim and brighten in sequence, an amplifier picks up the sound of the electric current and broadcasts an aggressive din on three notes that sounds like grinding on a metal lathe. In the pleasure and pain that it gives it heightens its own dislocation with the Cornish setting.

Paul Ramirez Jones is a Californian artist who brings early and modern technology together, creating his artistic buzz from the gap between then and now. At Porthcurno, which in the 1870s was one of the first telegraph stations, he has turned a darkened room into a combination of box camera interior, a large-screen computerised colour analysis of a digitised photo of the landscape outside, and a transmitting station for the Internet. The concept of information communication is a chilly one, unlike the inverted image of the grassy slope and sea outside with clouds passing underneath, beamed from a pinhole in the far wall.

Equally haunting is the sight of two workers in the abandoned shed of Geevor tin mine stirring the different coloured pools of water created by Glen Onwin for his work *Blood of the Pelican*. The concrete floor is rubbed pink with dust from the iron-rich tin ore, and the four levels of pools are coloured black with coal dust, white with china clay, red with iron ore and yellow with pottery clay.

In the Tate St Ives a new display leads through works on the theme of light by first-generation St Ives artists to the long curving gallery looking towards the sea, where Roger Ackling has installed *Sunlight and Wind, Porthmeor Beach*. The ten sheets of grey card spaced along the back wall each have eight horizontal lines seared into them by focusing the rays of the sun through a magnifying glass. They are the backdrop to a single white vase by Bernard Leach, the whole evoking a pale, metaphysical stage set.

Also quiet in tone, at a distance James Hugonin's paintings have a greyish pallor. Close up, a mosaic of delicate colours within a matrix of silver-point lines comes into focus and patterns like waves or dunes begin to appear. But they can verge on the irritatingly ethereal, and it is hard to resist the call of Mondrian's *Composition with Red, Yellow and Black* seen in the far gallery through the doorway.

This has been chosen by Bridget Riley to hang with five of her own works. In stripes, elongated chevrons and twisting waves of colour, her paintings make the light in this small room vibrate. As the sharp edges and bright ochres, mid blues, pinks and greens in the 1997 Riley make the shapes spring forward or recede, the Mondrian sings along with it, buzzing with white light.

There are too many artists in the official programme to describe individually, although the zaniness of David Kemp's *Art of Darkness Museum* and the surprises of Martina Kramer's paper *Light Lines* are both delicious.

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One for the girls

POP

Boyzone
Wembley Arena

Almost at the same moment on Saturday night that the surrogate Ronan Keating was being upstaged by the would-be Olivia Newton-John in the 1997 television final of *Stars In Their Eyes*, the real lead singer of Boyzone finished a more satisfying evening's work.

The "tribute" to the Irish fivesome's chief heart-throb on that most ghoulish TV institution was a measure of how powerful a pop magnet Boyzone have become in a mercurial two-and-a-half-year ascent. The closing night of their latest tour was the thrill of a brief lifetime for the audience, while outside Wembley Arena, the generation gap was vividly painted in the dutiful expressions of parents awaiting their charges.

Endless crowd-gazing by one of those whose age was showing placed the Boyzone demographic firmly on the distaff side, with tots as young as six wide-eyed at the wonder of it all. Their well-turned if undemanding fripperies are clearly a girl thing: boyfree zone would be a better description of this congregation.

The screamfest was in full swing long before the group arrived in cybersuits and helmets, as the video screens showed the latest Boyzone commercial placement, advertising a product aimed at their core market, Sugar Puffs. Even an advertisement for their next Wembley appearance, in November, elicited an eardrum-smashing response.

For the lads themselves, this must have been a glimpse of Beatle life circa 1965. As their aspirations grow more sophisticated, one can imagine Boyzone looking back on their touring years and viewing them, as Lennon came to, as an ultimately futile musical venture. Sing and they scream; cough and they still scream. The trick is to keep smiling for the ever-attentive video cameras, and this they do with charm and the strong hint that they are still enjoying the circus.

Their show, tightly choreographed but not to the exclusion of spontaneous energy, was scrubbed clean of any suggestiveness. Sensibly, too, they were five songs in before delivering a hit; any key early moments would have been lost in the shrill frequencies. *So Good* was the first chartbuster to arrive, dispatched like those that followed in the next 90 minutes with aplomb and long-distance charisma. There were moments of cabaret including a Bee Gees-inspired disco sequence, a rather needless inclusion from a group with two hugely successful albums and eight consecutive Top Five singles of their own.

Songs like the impending ninth, *Picture Of You* (performed here) will further establish Boyzone's individuality, as long as those screeching supporters let them be heard.

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The accused deserves the right to reply

MELVYN BRAGG

Does Kitaj make cowards of us all? His venomous riposte to critics whose harsh words on his work, he claims, hastened the death of his wife has thrown up the relationship between artists and critics in the starkest way possible.

In this area I know that I am walking blindfold into a minefield. Yet that apprehension is somewhere near the centre of the problem. There seems to me much (publicly) unexpressed bad feeling between critics and artists. Nothing new in that — look at the drubbing Wordsworth took, a beating which, arguably, prevented his publishing, for 45 years, *The Prelude*, a poem whose earlier impact could have changed both the literature and the mind of the century. Nothing new either in artists occasionally lashing back publicly — recently we have had John le Carré (emphatically), David Storey (literally) and Jonathan Miller (scathingly), and they too follow in a fine tradition.

But the deal seems to be that the critics say whatever they want in public, the artists say whatever they want in private, the suppuration is repressed and called a draw. R.B. Kitaj's public outburst indicates a widespread disaffection. I think I can assert that I have met no artist who has not, at the mention of the word critic, been contemptuous or condescending. In private.

In the present climate it is clearly more politic to keep it private. The critics always have the last word in the public prints. They can easily act as a trade union. Above all they occupy solid ground. No one asks an artist to produce work. Critics provide a valuable function at least as a sieve, at best as an interpreter, even, at worst, as a destroyer. What we have in this country is much healthier than respectful France or the old deferential Soviet Union. Even though in London, as in New York, there are cliques, we know that sooner or later they will be bypassed or ousted. Best, it seems, for any artist is to put out and shut up. Indeed, this has become so accepted that any artist who publicly articulates the mildest disagreement with the status quo is considered insecure or a whinger. Hmm.

Yet everyone I meet knows that inside a largely neutral or benevolent community of critics there is a tiny minority which indulges in petty acts of vengeance and spite. This gives a tone to the critical voice overall, which is why it is held in such low esteem even by those whose real experience might be to read mostly positive critics.

I think that this uneasy and unhealthy state of affairs needs to be addressed, and why Kitaj may be making cowards of us all.

I think the fault is the repression of what could be a natural debate. We block the opportunity for intelligent intercourse. When writers as various as Seamus Heaney, David Lodge, John Lanchester, A.N. Wilson, Anita Brookner, A.S. Byatt, Michelle Roberts and Victoria Glendinning write about the work of others they are to some extent clearing the ground for an appreciation for their own work. They are both artist and critic and, for me, it works. If I like the writer I tend to like the writer's words on other writers.

There is this other itch, though I may be being pi or pie in the sky in thinking that anything remotely illuminating could come from it. But if artists were given space to bite back could there not be some widespread fun and even insight? The objections line up in battalions. No space for it. Tedious. Self-serving. Self-indulgent.

But need it be? Like many others I am interested in what artists have to say about their own work. I would be just as interested, even more interested perhaps, to know what they say in response to attacks on their work. It would be uneasy and edgy in the first instances but soon it could become a novel and absorbing feature of the arts pages.

I do not want to drag any specific names into a piece which will certainly be interpreted by some as a deeply defensive plot on my part, but let us take brilliant young novelist A. His last book was often woundingly attacked. His private responses to this are, of course, in part vicious but, had he a legitimate arena in which to print them, his defence of his new work is of considerable interest and would make for a lively debate in pages often empty of such discourse.

I remember Francis Bacon's swingeing attacks on some of his contemporaries inside the Tate Gallery when we did a film on him, and his attacks on critics (which he would not express in public) were every bit as hatchet-like and, in their own way, invigorating. It seems to me a pity that there is no forum which can regularly and easily embrace such a position, providing some excitement and supplementing the weekly spectacle of what is, in effect, a one-sided contest, with the other side never allowed to hit back.

Need artists be forced into the position of the last imperialists, the only people left in Britain who must command the posture of the stiff upper lip? For those who see art as, in part, argument and discussion and debate; for those who see the grip of sectional fashion far too often brushing aside material which deserves more attention; for those who enjoy openness and feel that the arts are far too prone to the faults of closed societies, the idea of a feature called Artists Bite Back could be very welcome.

Ode to joy long overdue

DANCE

L'Allegro
Coliseum

In the years since *L'Allegro*'s premiere in 1988, it has travelled around the world cementing Mark Morris's reputation as America's hottest dance export. London has had to wait a long time to share in the excitement. But now that *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* has finally arrived, Morris is riding a wave of fresh adulation.

The American made *L'Allegro* shortly after his company took up residence at the Monnaie in Brussels, drawing on the wealth of musical resources afforded by a great European opera house. Morris found he could stage a two-hour choreographed version of Handel's pastoral ode using 24 dancers, a 45-member chorus, five soloists and an orchestra. For its London premiere *L'Allegro* is enjoying the partnership of English National Opera.

The Coliseum stage, however, belongs to dancers not singers. The impressive line-up of ENO soloists, Janice Watson, Susan Gritton, Ian Bostridge, Michael Chance and Ashley Holland, stand on platforms in the orchestra pit so that all visual focus is on the choreography and on Adrianne Lobel's beautifully coloured, geometrically striking sets.

Morris has trimmed Handel's score, rearranged the order of some of its movements and excised most of the "moderato" in his staging. But his affection for the music — and for the mood and imagery of Milton's poems — is there in the profound and playful choreography.

The dialogue between melancholy and mirth lies at the core of Milton's text, as it does at the core of the glowing dances Morris constructs to accompany each verse. Gods and goddesses, nymphs and shepherds, brooding darkness, singing larks, hounds and horn rousing the slumbering morn: all are brought to radiant life by Morris's vividly descriptive language. At times the choreography brazenly mimics the textual references with crude delight: at others the emotional thrust of Milton's writing is distilled into exalted passages of transcendent dance.

Although frequently acclaimed as a masterpiece of modern dance, *L'Allegro* is not a throw-forward to newness but a glorious throwback to the fundamentals of expressive movement. Inspired by the early 20th-century examples of Duncan and Humphrey, Morris gives his dancers the freedom to indulge the body's natural spontaneity, unrestrained by academic form. Running, leaping and skipping in their bare feet like children, they indulge their mirth with an explosive lightness. But when the soul's darkness descends, the choreography becomes rooted in a deeper impulse, finding expression in a sombre and almost stately embrace of melancholy. Everywhere the language is rich with the weight of human experience.

Morris acknowledges his debt to the world of folk dance in the lines and circles he draws with his dancers. Some of the most persuasive moments arise from the elemental power of these simple, ritualistic processions.

The dancers are a diverse and fascinating group, wonderfully buoyant, and as high on the act of dancing as Morris is on the act of making dance. Jane Glover conducts a committed Handelian ensemble. Michael Chance is outstanding among the soloists, but — the big disappointment — diction is generally poor.

What gets people in the end about *L'Allegro* is the enormous size of its heart. Its final flood of dance is almost unbearably euphoric. For while other choreographers today mine the joy of pain, Morris, the life-affirming optimist, mines the pain of joy.

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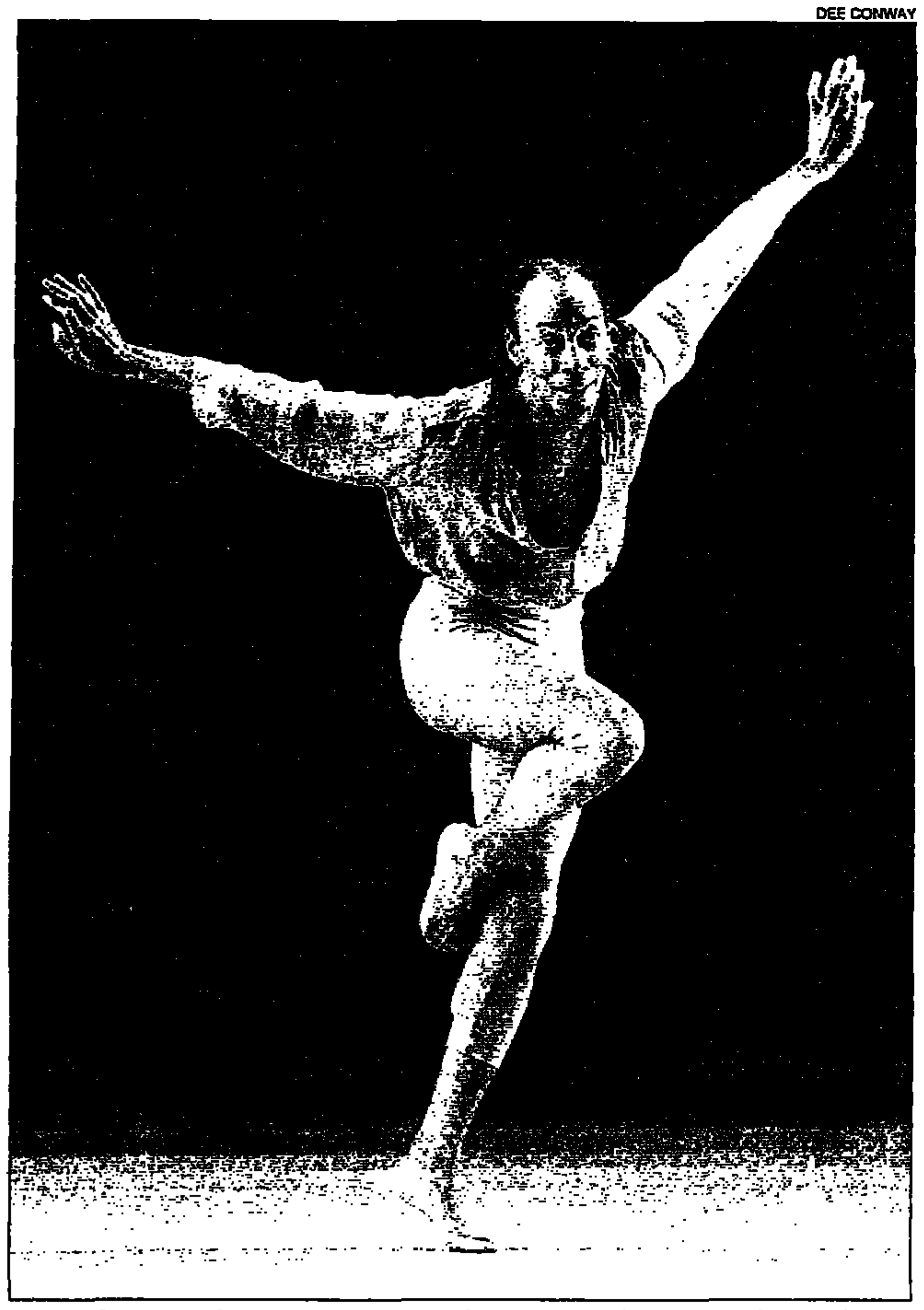

An exuberant Kraig Patterson in the London premiere of Mark Morris's *L'Allegro*

Neglected Verdi reveals its charms

OPERA

Oberto
Covent Garden

This was the first-born of Verdi's operas, but never his favourite child. He scotched the idea of an *Oberto* revival to commemorate his fifty years in the theatre, saying that it was a product of its time and that a new public would not wear it. Since then the world has generally followed the advice of the old pragmatist. Even Covent Garden in its massive Verdi retrospective has decided against giving it a stage production and is content with two concert performances, the second being at the Festival Hall tonight.

The fustian feel of *Oberto* is at its strongest during the lengthy first act. Verdi follows the formula of the day (1839) by introducing each of his principals with a lengthy aria. Riccardo is the first to arrive, a tenor villain who has jilted Leonora before the action begins and now intends to marry Cuniza. Hot on his heels comes Leonora vowing vengeance on her rival. Next on the scene is father Oberto, looking for his disgraced daughter. Verdians will already have noted some of the dramatic themes that were later to produce gold: the wicked seducer and the wronged woman (*Rigoletto*), the father-daughter reunion (*Boccanegra*).

It is all very static until the sparring parties come together in the trio towards the end of Act I. Here the authentic Verdi voice is heard as the pulse quickens and the principals strike sparks off one another. Act II is much better and contains a superb quartet, which suggests that Verdi had learnt a thing or two from the *Lucia* sextet four years earlier and was out to rival Donizetti. There is also a brief *Romanza* for Riccardo before he kills Oberto and moves off into a disgraced exile. Stuart Neill, in a very promising house debut, sang this with fine plangent tone.

Ill-health forced Samuel Ramey to withdraw from the title role. John Tomlinson was the sturdy stand-in, commanding the ensembles once a bit of gravel had cleared from his voice. Cuniza is the easier of the two main female roles and Denyce Graves showed luscious mezzo tone, the odd slither apart. Musically, Leonora looks forward to Abigaille in *Nabucco* and demands on old-fashioned dramatic soprano with punch and agility. Elizabeth Connell provided lots of the former, but was short on the latter.

Simone Young conducted with considerable verve once over the stodgy passages of the first act. The overture went with a swing and so did the choruses. This was the first and last performance of *Oberto* in the old house and she was not going to let it be a dull one.

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Why the Tories stayed on the shelf

Charles Lewington offers a sales strategy for a new leader

Tony Blair's campaign was laid out for all to see in a document called *The American Presidential Election 1992 — what can Labour learn?* It was leaked to us at Conservative Central Office two years ago. Compiled by a number of Walworth Road staffers who spent months with the Clinton/Gore campaign, it all sounds rather familiar.

It states: "The following key points had to be made whatever the issue, speech, questionnaire, press briefing or leaflet being written. It's time for change; Bush's failed leadership; Bill Clinton is the man with a plan to make things better and restore the American dream; Bush is out of touch with normal people, while Clinton will do right by the middle class; Bill Clinton is young and dynamic, a new kind of Democrat from a new generation; Bill Clinton promises a new covenant/partnership with the American people — the Government will play its part, but in return, American families and communities must do their bit too."

Substitute Major for Bush, Blair for Clinton, replace "make things better" with "Britain deserves better" and add every radio and TV interview to the required list of message vehicles, and you have Labour's 1997 general election campaign. No novelty here, no original Mandelsonian thinking. Just the ruthless application of a tried and tested formula.

The Clintonisation of British politics was a rather distasteful development for the Conservative Party. The repetitive use of soundbites was almost frowned on. "The British public won't be taken in by them," some senior Tories would say to me. Twenty-two Tory tax rises? Pah! Nobody will be fooled. Until, that is, the BBC's Robin Oakley or ITN's Michael Brunson started describing this spurious list of tax rises (which cynically excluded the later tax reductions) as a political "problem" for the Conservatives.

On the back of Michael Portillo's "SAS" speech at the 1995 party conference, Labour accused the Conservatives of lurching to the Right. I vividly recall Tony Blair first using the phrase on the *Today* programme. Two months later a substantial majority of voters in one opinion poll described Virginia Bottomley as a rightwinger. Again, there was nothing original here. The Democrats flung the same charge at the Republicans' pessimistic, "pro-life" national convention in Houston in 1992.

We understood all this at Central Office. We had an instant rebuttal unit, messages of the day, on-the-hour "lines to take" and all Cabinet ministers had pagers, even though not everyone wore them. Some understood the importance of a co-ordinated message. Others — particularly our ageing party activists — did not.

It is a simplistic argument that governments always lose elections and oppositions never win them. Clearly there were times when we looked as if we were doing our level best to lose. But I watched every prime-time news bulletin during the campaign with admiration at the disciplined way Labour delivered its messages. You have to conclude that the Opposition played a substantial part in our downfall.

We did have a strong economic message — Britain is booming and Labour will blow it. But good messages are worthless unless the whole choir is singing from the same hymnsheet.

Watching the leadership contest from the sidelines and listening to the talk of changing policy, intellectual renewal and the need to duff up Tony Blair in the Commons, I can't help feeling that we are in danger of losing the plot.

A new form of political campaigning has arrived from America. If we Conservatives can't beat new Labour our way, should we join it? Do we embrace the showbiz style that is turning Downing Street into "the street of the people"? Will the next Tory leader pose with his kids in trainers or display his wife's shoe-tidy for the cameras? If we are accused of lurching to the Left under Ken Clarke, what can we expect by way of pithy rebuttal on *News at Ten?* If we are up against a "new generation" of politicians running Britain and a "can-do" Government, do we then become "new Conservatives" and a "can-unravel" Opposition? Or are we to gamble that in five years' time, the electorate will have seen through the public relations enterprise which is new Labour and plump for the good ol' Tories — the real product? If I were a Conservative MP, these are questions I would want answered.

We lost to the equivalent of Tesco, complete with Reward Cards

I always compared our party's difficulties with those of Sainsbury's. Once the brand leader, we were beaten by the political equivalent of Tesco, complete with a Reward Card in the form of five key policy pledges. Reward was, indeed, one of Peter Mandelson's watchwords.

Like any company in trouble, we should dispatch our new party chairman to Harvard Business School for a refresher course rather than rely on instinct. He would be advised to take a long, hard look at his opponents' marketing techniques and decide how best to win back customer loyalty, even if it meant using the same methods. He will certainly confront the dilemma that faces every marketing director nowadays: are customers any longer capable of loyalty?

The first act of the new leader should be to send the party's brightest to America to study in detail how Clinton was re-elected in 1996 and to ask the Republicans how they might have run their campaign differently. We will then have a better idea of the challenge we shall face in the year 2,000.

Charles Lewington was the Conservative Party Director of Communications from 1995 until after the election

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Economic reform and growing stability offer the opportunity of a wider European homeland

The Russian tiger is ready to roar

Eight years ago, when the Berlin Wall was torn down, the world stopped thinking seriously about Russia's world position. China has been the emerging superpower; Europe has shaped its future almost as though Russia did not exist. The overconfident Treaty of Maastricht was signed within two years of the collapse of the Soviet empire. Yet the absence of Russia from European affairs is a temporary accident rather than a permanent change.

In 1913 Russia had the fastest growing economy in Europe; from 1945 to 1989 Russia was the only European superpower; Russia has a population twice that of Germany; Russia still has the world's second largest nuclear arsenal; to discount Russia constitutes the most crass kind of short-termism.

Such an historic force may temporarily be eclipsed, as Germany was after 1945 or France after 1815, but can never be removed from the map. After a catastrophic event, like the defeat of the Nazis or Waterloo, the first decade usually has to be spent on clearing the rubble and preparing the site for national recovery. The German economic miracle, which established Germany's postwar position in Europe, occurred between 1955 and 1970. If Russia follows the same timing, we shall be talking about a Russian economic miracle, or a take-off like that of China, in the decade after the year 2000. That will change the configuration of Europe.

Last Friday I was invited to a small seminar given by Lloyd George Management, which specialises in the emerging markets. Aleksandr Shokhin, the First Deputy Head of the State Duma, spoke on "Russia's new era of capitalism". Mr Shokhin has been one of the leading figures in the Russian economic reform programme of the 1990s. Before entering public life he was a professor of economics; his English is now excellent, his analysis is powerful. He is probably right in his argument that Russia has now reached the turning point and that the positive phase of economic recovery has been reached. Only a political catastrophe could prevent it, and the Russia of the 1990s has proved very skilful at sidestepping such catastrophes.

Mr Shokhin's view of economic policy is the opposite of that of France's new Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin; France and Russia are like trains passing each other in opposite directions. On the same day Mr Shokhin spoke in London, M Jospin said in Sweden: "If market forces are allowed to let rip, it will spell the end of civilisation in Europe."

Having exerienced the old Soviet economy, in which the Communist Party did not let market forces have any freedom, Mr Shokhin's view is that Russia's first task had to be "to create a market environment". Only when that had been done was it possible to restart economic growth. Russia has already reduced state ownership below the French level.

This year economic growth has begun, though only at a very low level, probably about 0.4 per cent. In the past three years Russian inflation has been brought under control in a very impressive way, down from 140 per cent in 1995 to 22 per cent in 1996, to 12 per cent now. It is expected to move further down to the forecast 5 per cent for 1998.

The budget deficit is down to 7 per cent, which would not meet the Maastricht criteria, but is a great improvement on earlier years. Mr Shokhin sees this year's tax reform as the most important part of the new economic development.

The proposed new tax code is designed to broaden the tax base, to reduce rates, to simplify the system and to reduce evasion. At present there are no fewer than 200 local and national taxes; the proposal is to reduce them to 30. Tax exemptions are said to cost $80 billion; evasion is thought to run at about 40 per cent of all taxes due. The aim is to establish and collect a tax revenue of between 32 and 35 per cent of GDP, about equivalent to the American proportion, lower than the British and far lower than the EU average.

William Rees-Mogg

Russia's domestic savings rate has reached Asian levels; if confidence can be established, which depends on tax reform, on a lower budget deficit, on falling inflation and on reducing crime, then Russia would have a very large domestically generated supply of capital. If the present economic growth accelerates, Russia will be increasingly attractive to international investors, and is reforming company and ownership laws to make investment more secure.

I asked Mr Shokhin about the problems of crime. He said that there were still too many particular exemptions from the rules, exemptions on which corruption fastens. So the Russians are moving towards universal legislation. The "grey economy" also reflects the fact that taxes have been very high. People will now pay lower taxes on a broader base.

Drugs and money-laundering are a serious problem, but Russia is now working more closely with Interpol and has reached international agreements about illegal financial flows.

At a certain stage in the process of market reform, countries move from the downward pull of the original liquidation to the upward pull of a virtuous cycle of increasing opportunity. Has Russia now reached that stage? The optimists, including many international investors, believe that 1997 is the turning point. Mr Shokhin considers that the social climate is still favourable to reform. He also takes confidence from the fact that President Yeltsin, who is a reformer, is back in full control of internal and external policy. Of course, the real recovery has only started. There is still much to be done, and reform is not always popular.

If Mr Shokhin is right, economic growth will accelerate in 1998 and thereafter; by the early years of the next century it may well reach the Asian-"tiger"-level of 6 per cent or above. That is my estimate, not Mr Shokhin's. Growth is also likely to spread to former countries of the Soviet Union near Russia, particularly to Ukraine. The map of Europe will be turned to the east, with a new economy, numbering more than 200 million people, growing three or four times as fast as the EU itself, and maintaining that rate of growth for perhaps a generation.

In the early stages, Germany, as the central European power, will benefit from these investment opportunities. But almost from the beginning the re-emergence of Russia will change the European balance of power. Since unification, Germany has been the nearest thing to a European superpower. Russia will return in the next decade to her natural position as one of the major powers of Europe, perhaps the greatest.

In the years before 1914, the tsarist capitalist economy, with a 10 per cent growth rate, was seen as a growing threat by the Central European powers. Now, with Europe in economic decline relative to Asia and America, the new capitalist Russia adds its potential strength to the whole European economy. In political terms, Russia's sensitive borders are those with China and the Islamic countries, not those with Europe.

If the European Union could use its power to create a free-trade area of the whole European homeland, including Russia, that would constitute a single market of 800 million people. It is a more attractive objective than sealing the borders of Europe in order to protect the Renault car workers from competition.

When Chancellors beware

Gordon Brown has great power, but he can still be sacrificed, says

Peter Riddell

Gordon Brown is the most powerful member of the Blair Cabinet, bar none. In the short term, he has more power even than Tony Blair. Prime Ministers have little direct power once they have appointed their ministers. They can exhort and make speeches. This can be very important, as Mr Blair is now showing in personifying the impression of a fresh start. But he cannot deliver change himself. Mr Brown can.

However, Mr Brown's power depends heavily on the confidence and support he enjoys from Mr Blair. They consult often; the rest of the Cabinet tends to be informed rather than involved. Indeed, Mr Brown now seems at ease with himself-perhaps for the first time since he was forced to give up his own leadership ambitions three years ago. Until recently he seemed bruised and suspicious, unnecessarily so given his secure position.

Office has apparently removed these personal doubts, although some in the Treasury complain about his working methods and a sense of exclusion by a tight inner group of ministers and special advisers. There are also some bruises in the City, and particularly the Bank of England, over the handling of the decision to reorganise financial regulation and banking supervision. Mr Brown is clearly hurt at suggestions that he acted arrogantly and failed to consult sufficiently. The Bank was left in no doubt before the election of his general intentions. City worries have been allayed by the appointment of four non-political economists to the monetary policy committee last week.

No one disputes Mr Brown's desire to be a radical, reforming Chancellor. He has an opportunity denied to most of his Labour predecessors, such as Stafford Cripps, Roy Jenkins and Denis Healey, who were preoccupied with urgent financial crises. But partly thanks to Kenneth Clarke, Mr Brown has inherited a much sounder economic position and has the freedom to focus more on the long term, a phrase that he often repeats.

By the long term, he means creating a stable economic framework and encouraging investment in education and training, and in the infrastructure. The proposals affecting the Bank are indended to produce monetary stability. At the same time, Geoffrey Robinson, the industrialist-MP and now Paymaster General, has been given the role Harold Lever had in the 1970s of encouraging business involvement, as well as boosting the Private Finance Initiative.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

All this is being dressed up for international consumption in a grandly titled "Action Plan" to create jobs which Mr Brown is presenting to the Council of European Finance Ministers in Luxembourg today, to be carried forward to the British presidency of the European Council and the G8 industrial countries next year. It is less a real plan than a defence of the Blair-Brown approach to encouraging employability and flexible markets, and is both intended to make Britain appear constructive in Europe and to build bridges on unemployment with the new French Government.

Mr Brown has also set up task forces under leading businessmen to look at the interaction between the tax and benefits system and how to move the unemployed from welfare to work. His proposals to offer 250,000 young unemployed either a job or training will be a centrepiece of the Budget on July 2 (along with the windfall levy on the utilities to provide the money). Mr Brown is keen to involve private companies in offering such opportunities. A clue to the Budget background will come in ten days with a report by the National Audit Office on the assumptions underlying spending and borrowing estimates. Expect a revision upwards.

But as with all Chancellors, the key will be his handling of public spending. He is determined to avoid the fate of the last two Labour Governments, whose middle and later years were dominated by politically divisive efforts to undo the expenditure excesses of their first couple of years. By contrast, Mr Brown has accepted existing spending ceilings for the next two years (bar the welfare package) and has begun a comprehensive review of spending priorities within, and between, departments to affect plans from spring 1999 onwards. Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, has written to departments with suggestions for their own reviews. Despite claims by the Ministry of Defence that its strategic review is not Treasury-driven, it is not exempt. But there is some cynicism in Whitehall about such fundamental reviews about what government should do, which are held every few years and seldom produce savings.

But Mr Brown has underlined his determination by not holding the usual spending round this year. The Treasury has already rebuffed half a dozen requests for extra spending. The Health Department, for example, has been told that it must find administrative savings before it will receive any money out of the reserve for next year, as usually happens. Public spending could be the first serious political test for the Government, when local authorities, trade unions and the many Labour MPs with public-sector links realise that Mr Brown means what he says about holding down spending.

Mr Brown has said his model as Chancellor is Lloyd George. A more relevant example would be Nigel Lawson, whose absorbing memoirs Mr Brown mentions in conversation. Lord Lawson of Blaby also had a broad agenda — on privatisation, deregulation and tax reform — and at his peak in the mid-1980s his influence covered most of Whitehall. But the Lawson era offers two lessons. First, you are doomed unless you keep tight control over fiscal and monetary policy. Secondly, you are doomed if you fall out with the Prime Minister. If things go wrong, the Chancellor is sacrificed, not the Prime Minister. Just as the fate of the Blair Government is heavily dependent on Mr Brown's success as Chancellor, so his own future is inextricably linked to that of Mr Blair.

THE TIMES DIARY

Stone me

THE era of glasnost is over for England's Freemasons, who once again find themselves accused of paranoia, secrecy and downright weirdness. The accusations come from Richard Lomas and Christopher Knight, both Masons, who in the past two years have written two books, *The Second Messiah* and *The Hiram Key*, in which they have argued that British Freemasonry had its origins in Scotland, not England. This has gone down as badly as a trouser-rolling joke with the United Grand Lodge of England, whose head is the Duke of Kent.

In full regalia: the Masons are keeping a traditional silence

According to the authors, the English lodge feels its power and legitimacy threatened by their argument. Hence, despite recent attempts to rid itself of its secretive aura with the appointment of a press officer and the publication of accounts of its rituals, the lodge has resorted to intimidatory tactics.

The authors say that the United Grand Lodge sent out letters attacking them to the Provincial Grand Lodges in England and Wales. Lodges which had invited them to speak suddenly withdrew their invitations at the insistence of late-night callers high in the Masonic establishment. The authors' letters to lodges around the country were returned stamped "Return to Sender".

"If Freemasonry isn't about being honest and open it's nothing," says an angry Knight. The United Grand Lodge of England had nothing to say.

● *Hong Kong's retiring Governor, Chris Patten, has been house-hunting in SE11. He is considering a house in Cleaver Square, a Georgian square within division bell range. He should have no trouble with the downpayment. Already one of the highest-paid on the Government payroll, his end-of-contract bonus amounts to 25 per cent of the total salary he has received over the past five years and, like his salary, is tax-free.*

Boodles boogie

THERE are hot nights to be had at Boodle's at the moment as the St James's club celebrates its centenary year. Last week a ball was held for 950 members and guests at Syon House, the Duke of Northumberland's London pad. In between dinner and a kedgeree breakfast came a Beating Retreat, a firework display which lit up the planes landing at Heathrow for half an hour, and dancing to the Michael Carney Orchestra from New York and Chance Disco, a hunt ball favourite.

Among those getting down were the Duke of Gloucester, the Earl of Clarendon, Viscount Dungarvan and Lord Braybrooke. This week the celebrations continue with the club's patron, the Duke of Edinburgh, popping in for a gull's egg, sweet sherry and dinner.

Bets off

A SHARP lesson for Norman Godman, Labour MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow. In DTI questions in the Commons on Thursday, he asked the minister, the small yet powerful Ian McCartney, when he would be paid for a bet he had made with McCartney's sister Irene. Godman had bet Irene that her brother would get a ministerial post in the new Government. Irene had modestly said he wouldn't.

"Irene's got no intention of paying up," said McCartney from his constituency home in Wigan yesterday. A broad Glaswegian, and ardent Wigan rugby league fan, he added: "Anyway, that Godman's a Hull rugby league supporter. On that basis alone, ma sister shouldna pay him."

In the pink

Friends of Peter Lilley are concerned that a certain foppishness is creeping into his wardrobe. Yesterday the Tory leadership challenger appeared on David Frost's breakfast show looking like a liquorice allsort, in a pink and black striped tie with a matching polka-dotted handkerchief in his top pocket. His wife Gail is known to prefer her husband in blue shirts on television. A look to Lilley's watch proves more reassuring. The man who would lead the Tories still wears a calculator-timepiece.

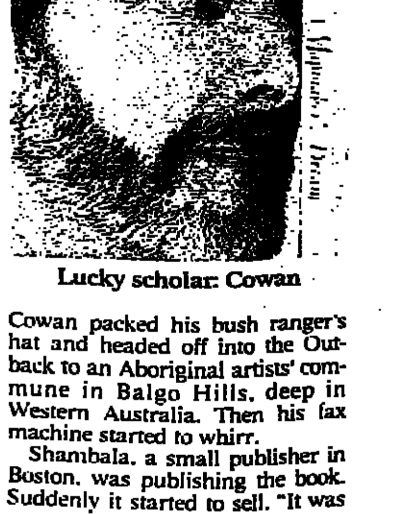
Lilley: looking dandy

● *Dennis Skinner, the unreconstructed Labour MP for Bolsover, has found a new way to annoy his new Labour bosses. Whenever one of them rises to the Dispatch Box and announces yet another review, Skinner starts to sing beneath his breath one of Fagin's songs from the musical* Oliver!: *"I'm reviewing the situation, can a fella be a villain all his life . . ?"*

Boomerang

THIRTY years as a scholar of Aboriginal art did little to prepare James Cowan, 55, for literary success. Yet the Australian, author of 20 scholarly volumes, has hit paydirt with a book even he thought was unpublishable. Cowan, who has been in England hawking his book, wrote *A Mapmaker's Dream* to amuse himself. A philosphical meditation presented as the work of a 16th-century Venetian monk and cartographer who travels the world in his mind is hardly the most commercial idea.

Unsurprisingly, all the publishers he approached rejected it, so Cowan packed his bush ranger's hat and headed off into the Outback to an Aboriginal artists' commune in Balgo Hills, deep in Western Australia. Then his fax machine started to whirr.


Lucky scholar: Cowan

Shambala, a small publisher in Boston, was publishing the book. Suddenly it started to sell. "It was very strange being deep in the Outback and being told that Brazil had bought it," says Cowan. It is now published in 13 langauges and with his new wealth Cowan has bid the billabong goodbye and bought a house in Umbria.

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DUBLIN GREEN

Assertive nationalism is not in Ireland's interests

Bertie Ahern may be Ireland's next Prime Minister but the real winner in the Republic's election has been Gerry Adams. Sinn Fein's dramatic victory in the border constituency of Cavan-Monaghan gives the party its first member of the Dail since the Fifties; and Fianna Fail's success across Ireland gives republicans the Government they wanted.

Mr Ahern is no one's plaything. But the positions he has adopted on Northern Ireland, so far, are much more congenial to republican activists than to the democratic Unionist majority. The composition of the new Dail will do nothing to inhibit, indeed will probably encourage, the adoption of a more assertively nationalist tone in Dublin. That would, however, only impede progress towards a durable settlement in the North. If Mr Ahern is to bring an honourable peace nearer he must show he is interested in agreement between traditions, not the more aggressive championing of his own.

Mr Ahern's mandate is a tentative one. The inconclusive nature of the election result makes it impossible to draw firm conclusions about the popular will. The poor showing of the Progressive Democrats, Mr Ahern's more strident junior partner in his centre-right coalition, is balanced by the drubbing meted out to Labour, the second party in John Bruton's defeated centre-left Government. Both of those rebukes to the more ideological of the main parties is overshadowed by the number of votes, more than one in ten, which went to independents or minor parties. The results speak of a restless nation, and they could lead to a fractious parliament. Several of the independents on whose favours Mr Ahern will rely for a majority have strong republican sympathies. The arithmetic is so tight that Sinn Fein's presence in the Dail has a significance which is more than symbolic.

It is bitterly ironic that Sinn Fein should be in a position to benefit from the establishment of a minority Government in Dublin. It was John Major's weak parliamentary position, according to Irish nationalist opinion, which led to the collapse of the IRA ceasefire. Republican apologists argue that Mr Major stalled Sinn Fein's entry to talks at the behest of the Unionists, on whose MPs he relied for survival. It is a travesty of the truth. Republicans ruled themselves out of early entry with their continued commitment to violence and refusal to lay down their arms for good. Now they may be in a position to demand a seat at the table at a time of their choosing by reinstating a cynical ceasefire, arms holstered rather than handed over.

Mr Ahern has insisted that Sinn Fein will not be admitted to talks unless it abandons, rather than merely suspends, the armed struggle. He will, however, be under enormous pressure to accept any cessation of violence as a direct ticket to talks. There would be cause for legitimate doubts about the IRA's sincerity should it call a second ceasefire. They are unlikely to be entertained by Albert Reynolds, whom Mr Ahern has made his special envoy on Northern Ireland. The former Taioseach played a shrewd hand to secure the first ceasefire but, so anxious is he to secure another, he takes a sanguine view about the good intentions of Sinn Fein which events on the ground do not seem to justify. Only last week a massive IRA bomb was discovered in Belfast and the skill with which republicans canvass cannot hide their continuing commitment to terror.

Allowing Sinn Fein to enter talks while the IRA maintains its operational capacity would itself be an incendiary act. The horrific murder of an RUC officer by a loyalist mob last week attests to the brittle desperation within elements of the Unionist community. These would react darkly to any evidence of further concessions to Sinn Fein. As Taoiseach, Mr Ahern must tread carefully. If there is to be peace in Northern Ireland, it is Ulster's Unionists to whom Dublin must now show reassurance.

SAFETY FIRST

No case for resuming the ivory trade in Harare this week

The ban on international trade in ivory has been controversial ever since it was introduced in 1989, when the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) listed the African elephant as a species threatened with extinction. Critics argued variously that a blanket ban would be unpoliceable; that black market prices would soar, increasing incentives for poachers; and finally that profits from ivory actually assisted sound conservation policy, by giving rural villagers economic incentives to help to protect elephant herds.

These arguments, most vigorously advanced by a group of southern African states with large elephant populations, failed to convince at the time, for good reason. A regime of "sustainable" ivory sales under international controls had been in force for 16 years. In that period, the African elephant population dwindled from two million to around 600,000. They were being slaughtered for ivory at the rate of 70,000 a year. Most African governments, including South Africa, were implicated in illegal trade.

Those who said a total ban could not work have been proved wrong. While the system is not watertight, it has been a success. Poaching has sharply declined and, in the absence of a legal market, demand has been suppressed. The African elephant population has stabilised overall, and is growing in some southern African countries. But it is this very success that has emboldened Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia, three African states which never liked the ban — and which have continued to stockpile ivory — to press for a partial resumption of the trade.

At the CITES conference which opens today in Harare, they will seek the downgrading of the African elephant from the CITES Appendix 1, reserved for species at risk of extinction, to Appendix 2, under which trade is theoretically permissible. They concede that the elephant is still at risk elsewhere in Africa, but contend that so exemplary are their protective regimes that they now have unsustainably large herds. They want to resume ivory exports, under strict controls and only to Japan, which they say has adequate safeguards. The profit would go to conservation and rural development. South Africa supports them, hoping that similar arguments will allow it to resume regulated sales of white rhino horn.

CITES governments should refuse. Kenya's objection that poaching would take off at the first hint that the market is opening up is borne out by the recent slaughter of 280 elephants in Congo, organised by illicit dealers who had heard that the ban was being lifted. In addition, the safeguards in the applicant countries are wholly inadequate. CITES inspectors report massive abuses of Zimbabwe's "personal use" ivory export permits, to include consignments of up to 70 tusks, worth $90,000 — not to mention nine tonnes of ivory removed without documents from a government store. Angolan ivory is smuggled through Namibia. And in Japan, a leading ivory dealer has told CITES that the registration system is "a legal sieve".

Conservation must, above all in poor countries, pay for itself. But even the economic argument for exporting ivory is unpersuasive. Quite apart from the value of living elephants to the tourist industry, ivory accounts for a mere fifth of the revenue to be earned from culling elephants or selling expensive hunting permits. Britain is prepared to compromise at Harare, accepting the CITES downgrading but postponing sales until safeguards improve. Ministers should think again. Ivory cannot yet be traded without risking all that has been gained.

WALTZING OVER MATILDA

The best side won, and it was the Poms for a change

Warm words were seen to pass yesterday from Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, as he shook the hands of England's cricketers after the first Test match at Edgbaston. "Well played, mate," he no doubt said, or "Good on yer, chuck": appropriate words that, surely, sounded so much sweeter to English ears for their being uttered in an Australian accent.

There are few pleasures more heady than the euphoria of victory in an Ashes Test match. The joy which swept England yesterday was real and uninhibited. Forgive us, Australia, if we preen ourselves and strut a bit today. Forgive us if we dawdle at work, talking with glee of Gough and Thorpe and Hussain and Croft and Caddick. Forgive us that extra pint, that beery gloat, that chant of "Eng-er-land". We mean no harm, no ill-will, no offence. It's just that we are . . . well, completely over the moon.

Our joy is the greater, too, for the quaint quality of the game just played: this Test was like the ding-dong battles of old, when fortunes swung from session to session, and games were shaped by individual acts of bravery and panache. Our men wore clean, pressed whites, and proper caps, and smiles of good rapport. They played with spontaneity, a far cry from their ochre humour on the recent Zimbabwe tour.

It was a significant Test match for us, Australia. Do not underestimate the boost we get from beating you at cricket. We delight in beating you, and hope we will do so again and again this season. Shane Warne being clobbered by our twinkle-footed batsmen was a most delicious vision; and we roared our approval on the first day when Caddick & Co put the joey on the barbie.

Yet chivalrous we are too, Australia, and Mark Taylor's century warmed as many Pommie cockles as Antipodean ones. His innings should be fêted as one of the great personal fightbacks. To a man, we toasted him here, as he recovered faith and form, style and substance. Our most cherished stereotype — that of the gritty ne'er-say-die Australian — came true to life as Taylor scored his precious runs.

England won winsomely, of course, and that is the way we like things to be. And after years of being drubbed at everything, we seem to be on a winning streak in other games as well, against other people. Our footballers came, saw, and conquered in France; our rugby players are not doing too badly at all in South Africa. But the most cherished win of all, dear Australia, was yesterday. At Edgbaston. Is there a greater pleasure known to an Englishman than waltzing over Matilda?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Overseas budget 'on a shoestring'

From Mr David Howell

Sir, I was very pleased to see Douglas Hurd's support for a proper and comprehensive international budget for this country (letter, May 31). This was an objective for which the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee argued throughout the last Parliament — and the one before.

In particular, we contended that the British Council and the BBC World Service, far from being tail-end activities which could be run on a shoestring, had become the cutting edge in the promotion of Britain's influence and interests round the world, especially in Asia and Latin America.

British Council offices nowadays (and I have visited dozens) are besieged with people wanting to learn English, acquire British technical qualifications and study British teaching material (a major export). Yet many are seriously understaffed, some have had to be closed and others are run by remote control from neighbouring countries. Shoestring British Council operations and shoestring British embassies are the hallmark throughout the emergent world — where tomorrow's biggest markets lie.

Could not the new ministers involved bring together their mission statements and fundamental reviews? They might find the contrast between, say, £15 billion earmarked for the Eurofighter programme and the cheeseparing expenditure cuts planned for the British Council, the BBC World Service and our overseas posts generally well worth pondering.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL
(Chairman, Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, 1987-97),
Chalk Croft Farm, Penton Mewsey,
Andover, Hampshire.

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, Mr Douglas Hurd's advocacy of a unified overseas *budget* might at least stop the Foreign Office from sabotaging the BBC World Service. But what is needed far more is a unified overseas *policy*.

In recent times the FCO and MoD have been repeatedly in collision, to the danger of the State. The Falklands War might have been avoided if the Ministry of Defence had not insisted on withdrawing our last naval vessel there, ignoring FCO protests. The Gulf War was precipitated by the insistence of the MoD on taking the brake off arms sales to Iraq two weeks before the invasion, again over the heads of the FCO.

The Foreign Office lost again shortly afterwards, when a meeting of the G7 at Lancaster House in July 1991 agreed to press on with the strategy of world order and, in the very same week, the MoD brought out a major White Paper, *Options for Change*, barely acknowledging this strategy.

The MoD thinks it is responsible for defence policy. It is not. It is an executive department. The policy department is the FCO.

The formulation of all foreign policy should be done, as it clearly is not being done, by the Foreign Office under the Prime Minister.

Yours etc,
HUGH HANNING,
18 Montpelier Row, SE3.
June 2.

Solicitors' conduct

From the General Secretary of the British Legal Association

Sir, One wonders what would satisfy Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell Syms's craving for more condign punishment for errant solicitors (letter, May 28). Clearly, she inhabits a different world if she thinks that members of the judiciary and Queen's Counsel have a soft spot for members of my profession; let alone allow themselves to be influenced by it.

Her true objection may well be that they apply the same law to solicitors as to anyone else; which would appear to conflict with what she really desires.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY R. THOMAS,
General Secretary,
British Legal Association
(incorporating the
Solicitors Association),
2 Princess Way, Swansea.

A stitch in time

From Mrs Pamela M. E. Baker

Sir, The Reverend John F. White (letter, May 24) repeats the common perception of the failings of the British handyman. As of last week, I do not share his jaundiced view.

Last Saturday I was standing by, but not in contact with, my sewing machine when it suddenly started to sew of its own volition and emit alarming quantities of smoke from the foot pedal. I phoned my nearest repair shop, many miles away in Hillhead, Glasgow. I told the proprietor the make of the machine and the problem. He then told me clearly and succinctly how to effect the repair and added: "If you really want a new part I can send you one, but you shouldn't need it." I didn't.

Are Scottish repair men a superior breed?

Your faithfully,
PAM BAKER,
Lonan Lodge,
Glen Lonan, Oban, Argyll.
June 6.

'Unpopular truths' and need for reassurance in Ulster

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke

Sir, It is by proclaiming unpopular truths about Ulster, as Simon Jenkins does ("In place of Stormont", June 4), that a solution will eventually be found.

In practice, British politicians will not see the wisdom of leaving matters in the hands of power-sharing local councils until they have exhausted other alternatives. The last Labour Government, which had Roy Mason as an outstanding Northern Ireland Secretary, eventually came to see that absurdly ambitious initiatives should be avoided. In this he was constantly encouraged by the then Conservative and Unionist spokesmen on Northern Ireland, Airey Neave and John Biggs-Davison, to whom I acted as adviser.

History needs to repeat itself. When this Government finally sees the light, it could once again indulge its enthusiasm for referendums by inviting the people of Northern Ireland to endorse such a constructive local government approach. Indeed, since their enthusiasm for referendums seems to know no bounds, they could include a second question on the constitutional status of Northern Ireland.

Under the Border Poll Act 1972, such votes can take place every ten years. It is time that legislation was used again.

Yours faithfully,
ALISTAIR B. COOKE
(Chairman of the Trustees),
Friends of the Union,
PO Box 1261, London SW3 4JF.
June 5.

From Mr Robert McCartney, QC, MP for Down North (United Kingdom Unionist)

Sir, Sir David Goodall (letter, June 2), far from easing Unionist fears about their future within the UK, exacerbates them.

The difference between political unification and the "unified civic and economic space on the island of Ireland" for which Sir David contends is not readily understood by the politically sophisticated, let alone the mass of ordinary pro-Union people. Moreover the vision he offers is one which the nations of Europe are clearly unwilling to accept as a means of obtaining political union through economic function and the political consequences.

In effect Sir David confirms what Unionists already believe, that the Downing Street declaration was of no interest in the Union, while the framework document provides institutions for effecting Irish unity over time and for rendering the right of the majority to withhold their consent to any transfer of sovereignty an empty husk.

It is an illusion to believe that the pro-Union people of Ulster are aberrant Irish. They are British and wish to remain so. A continuing failure to appreciate this is a recipe for disaster. Recent events should make new Labour realise that it has inherited a "smoking bomb" policy.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT L. McCARTNEY,
House of Commons.
June 2.

From the Director of Charter 88

Sir, One very practical way for Labour to "reassure" both communities in Northern Ireland would be to start widespread consultation (perhaps through the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights) on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland. This is supported — at least in principle — by all Northern Irish political parties and is one of the few areas of potential consent across both communities.

In addition, the British and Irish Governments are committed, through the framework document, to the introduction of legislation to protect rights, as well as the adoption of a covenant, or Charter of Rights.

Human-rights thinking, with its emphasis on the appreciation of the rights and dignity of each individual, might offer us the beginning of a new political settlement in Northern Ireland, where rights and responsibilities are addressed together.

Obviously discussion on the content of a Bill of Rights would be lengthy. It would also, at times, be difficult. But it could involve people from both communities who would be asked to contribute to identifying those guarantees necessary to secure peace and a political settlement. Such a discussion should not be delayed any longer.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW PUDDEPHATT,
Director, Charter 88,
Exmouth House,
3-11 Pine Street, EC1.
June 2.

Housing density as key social issue

From the Chief Executive of the House Builders Federation

Sir, Mr Howard Rafael (letter, June 3) must indeed have lived abroad for many years if he thinks that the density of new housing development such as that proposed for Micheldever Station, Hampshire, is four to the acre. Sixteen is more like it for edge of town and 25 for urban development, at least.

Meeting the aspirations of all segments of the housing market will be achieved not by increasing but by decreasing those densities so as to produce pleasant environments in sustainable locations in which people will still want to live at the end of the next century.

My federation has just published a response (report, Homes, May 28) to the previous administration's Green Paper on household growth, which proposes ways of achieving this. A key proposal is to reduce traffic, for example, by taking new homes and schools to the sites of existing retail parks, which themselves generate much traffic.

What is not an option is to avoid building homes to meet expected household growth or to build them at densities which repeat the mistakes of the 1960s and would create the slums of the early 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. HUMBER,
Chief Executive,
The House Builders Federation,
82 New Cavendish Street, W1.
June 3.

From the Director of the Civic Trust

Sir, Although new settlements and village housing will undoubtedly play a part in providing for the projected 4.4 million growth in households over the next 20 years, towns and cities could and should take the lion's share, *and become livelier, more vibrant and* more enjoyable into the bargain.

Incentives will be needed to persuade more landowners and investors to provide good-quality housing for all social groups on difficult urban sites rather than take the easy greenfield option.

These might include a greenfield development levy and/or tax credits for inner-urban developments, which can be set against rural developments; phasing out mortgage interest tax relief and redirecting the money to housing and regeneration; tax relief for inner-city developments (as in Dublin), and unified business-rate reductions or "holidays" for inner-area schemes.

As one of the most urbanised nations in the world we have an overriding interest in making our towns and cities work better.

It will need a concerted effort, money and imagination. But the prize — lively, flourishing towns and cities — is surely worth every penny.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GWILLIAM,
Director, Civic Trust,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
June 6.

From Mrs Penny Tucker

Sir, The Director of the Town and Country Planning Association says (report, May 28) that we ought to be building more new towns because we "cheat on our children if we don't build enough homes for them to live in". The fact is, however, that the explosion in housebuilding over the past two decades has done hardly anything to relieve genuine housing need: it has generally allowed people who are adequately housed to move to something "nicer".

Given that this exodus from the towns and into the South East costs us dear in social, environmental and economic terms, as a society we are entitled to decide whether we want to encourage it, especially as the trend is indirectly subsidised by the taxpayer.

It is the increasing numbers of the very old, absent parents, students or single young persons who are predicted to require additional housing in future. These groups are likely to be predominantly poor, and if they can afford anything at all, they will need cheap, flexible accommodation with good access to social services support, public transport and other facilities.

We should now be addressing the twin questions of how one provides such housing, mainly in existing towns, and most important, who is going to pay for it.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY TUCKER,
7 Cedar Terrace,
Thackham's Lane,
Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.
May 29.

Cerebral palsy

From Dr A. P. Moore

Sir, I write on behalf of the UK Botulinum Toxin and Cerebral Palsy Working Group to point out that, while botulinum toxin can indeed help children with cerebral palsy (report, May 25), it is still an experimental drug. Moreover, it is not licensed for this condition anywhere in the world.

Properly controlled trials in the UK and abroad appear to show short-term benefit and safety in carefully selected children. Parents should understand that, *as yet, there is no* longer-term controlled evidence that toxin is better than traditional therapies. We believe it will be, but cannot yet be sure.

Aside from the medical issues, this drug is not necessarily a cheap option. Costs can be much higher than the quoted £100 for a single treatment, rising to £1,000 or more per year for the drug alone. Before there is widespread use of the toxin, parents and purchasers of healthcare want properly controlled evidence of efficacy, long-term benefit and value for money compared to other treatments.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. MOORE,
Walton Centre for
Neurology and Neurosurgery,
Rice Lane, Liverpool L9 1AE.

Pole position

From Mr Ashley Sims

Sir, I read with particular interest Mrs Anne-Marie Obolensky's letter (May 31; also letters, May 29) about turning a map upside down when travelling south.

Based on my father's design, I have produced the *Upside Down Map* for the UK, which shows the road system in the traditional way and then the reverse, to help drivers travelling from north to south.

My father came up with the idea 25 years ago when trying to navigate his *way back from Scotland.*

He failed to interest the major cartographical companies, which did not see the need; so we have patented the idea. Big orders have come in from major national retailers all over the country, from south to north.

Yours faithfully,
A. SIMS
(Director,
Upside Down Map Company),
Suite 5, Derwent Court,
Macklin Street, Derby.
June 6.

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Tory leadership

From Mr David Blair and others

Sir, We endorse William Hague's vision of a rebuilt Conservative Party appealing to every part of the United Kingdom, to people from every type of background.

In particular, we welcome his plans to double the number of Conservative Party members aged between 25 and 40. In our experience the views and aspirations of this group were shaped by the Thatcher era and their support will be won by the leader best able to carry the values of freedom and enterprise into the next century.

The next leader must be able to command the respect of each of the various strands of Conservative thought. He must also have the strength of purpose and vigour to lead the party in a clear and distinct direction. We firmly believe that William Hague can renew the party's membership, philosophy and policies to bring it victory at the next general election. We urge Conservative Members of Parliament to support him.

Yours etc,
DAVID BLAIR
(Chairman, Oxford University Conservative Association, 1993),
TIMOTHY GREEN
(Chairman, National Association of Conservative Graduates, 1996-97),
ANDREW HULL
(Chairman, York University Conservative Association, 1992),
ROBERT PALMER
(President, Oxford Union Society, Trinity term, 1995),
39 Halliford Street, N1.
June 8.

Covering up

From Mr Roderick MacLean

Sir, Why are bowlers de rigueur for the Apprentice Boys and retired senior officers going to their clubs or attending parades, and 1950s-style *battered trilbies or even flat hats* for those horsy folk in authority at race meetings, when ordinary men and women have generally abandoned head coverings of any sort?

The demand for cocked hats, toppers and tricorns having withered, no wonder our Edinburgh hatter, in business since the time of George III, quietly disappeared about 18 months ago.

A quondam district officer, I owned my last trilby forty years ago; on formal occasions I had to doff it at the appropriate moment.

In old age I now find safety in a simple black beret, which keeps the remaining locks in place and the head warm. It has an added advantage in that it is unnecessary to doff it to any senior ladies met on the street. Full marks to the Bretons and the Basques for devising such handy headgear.

Yours sincerely,
RODERICK MacLEAN,
4/8 Belhaven Place,
Morningside, Edinburgh.

Vanity publishing

From Professor G. C. Allen

Sir, My introduction to the book as fashion accessory (leading article, May 30) came long ago, in August 1934, when I had bought for reading between Liverpool and New York the newly-published *I Claudius* of Robert Graves. It had a soft blue dust jacket.

As the voyage began the book was borrowed by an attractive girl from Texas who carried it everywhere for the next week. When she finally returned it, I asked what she thought of the book. "Oh," she replied sweetly, "it made the most perfect match for my woolly."

Yours vainly,
GEORGE ALLEN,
4 East Street, Lewes, East Sussex.
May 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 7: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, honoured Epsom Races with her presence today.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from the United States of America.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

Mr Patrick Lally (the Rt. Hon. the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant) was present at Glasgow Airport this afternoon upon the Arrival of Her Excellency President Mary Robinson and Mr Nicholas Robinson and welcomed them on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 7: The Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, today visited Inverness and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lord Gray of Contin).

His Royal Highness this morning visited HM Bark *Endeavour* at Shore Street Quay, Inverness Harbour, and subsequently visited the Theatre Ship, *Fitzcarraldo*.

The Duke of York this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by the Provost of Inverness at the Town Hall.

His Royal Highness later opened the Inverness Aquadome in Bught Park.

The Duke of York afterwards opened the new offices of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Kenneth Street.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 7: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, the British Museum, this morning attended a Trustees' Meeting at the Museum, Bloomsbury, London WC1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 7: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this morning took the Salute at the Colonel's Review of The Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade, London SW1.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron, Association for Science Education, will attend a reception for young entrepreneurs at St James's Palace at 6.45.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, will vist the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Rock, Cornwall, at 11.20.

The Duke of York will open the new European headquarters of LSI Logic at Greenwood House, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, at 11.30.

The Princess Royal, as President, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, will attend the first annual conference at the Exchange, Morrison Street, Edinburgh, at 9.30; will open the new campus of Napier University, Craighouse Road, at 11.40; will visit Dobbie & Co and open the new extension to the garden centre, Melville Nursery, Lasswade, Midlothian, at 2.00; and, as Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, will visit Dalkeith and District Citizens Advice Bureau, Dalkeith, at 3.35.

Service luncheon

York and Lancaster Regiment

Brigadier R. Eccles, President of the York and Lancaster Regiment, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

Service dinners

50th Regiment RA

Major-General M.L.F. Shellard and members of the 50th Regiment RA Officers' Dinner Club dined on Saturday at the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich. Colonel R.C. Shedden presided. Sir Rodric Braithwaite was the principal guest and speaker.

7006 (VR) Intelligence Squadron RAAF

Squadron Leader P. Hodgson presided at the annual dinner of No 7006 (VR) Intelligence Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force held on Saturday at RAF High Wycombe. Dame Stella Rimington, the squadron's honorary air commodore, was the principal guest.

Nature notes

On the moors, wheatears are nesting in rock crevices or rabbit burrows. When they are alarmed, they bob their head up and down, often peering at an intruder from behind a stone. Young mistle thrushes have left the nest and are roaming far and wide over the countryside, unlike the fledgeling songthrushes, which stay under the bushes around their parents' territories. Young blackcaps are out among the folliage: they have brown caps like their mother, but the young males will get their black caps in August. A few red-footed falcons have been reported hawking over lakes at Somerset: the males are dark grey with red "trousers", the females orange beneath. Many flowers of the pea family are coming into bloom: birds-foot trefoil, or bacon-and-eggs, has red, orange and yellow flowers, while kidney vetch, or ladies' fingers, is usually bright yellow. The tall spikes of wild mignonette are rising above the grass. On dogwood trees, the white flower rosettes are opening against the background of purple-tinged leaves and twigs. Some set-aside fields are overrun by wild pansy and scarlet pimpernel. Banded demoiselles are flying by riversides. These dragonflies have a flashing, inky-blue band across their wings. DJM

The mistle thrush

Birthdays today

Mr Tony Britton, actor, 73; Viscount Craigavon, 53; Mr Edgar Evans, tenor, 85; Mr Michael J. Fox, actor, 36; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, FBA, former director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, 69; Mr Jeremy Hardie, chairman, W H Smith Group, 59; Sir Peter Heatly, former chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation, 73; Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI Furniture Group, 58; Sir Roger Hurn, chairman, Smiths Industries, 59; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former Editor, *Daily Express*, 55; Mr Robert McNamara, former American Secretary of Defence, 81; Mr Michael Mates, MP, 63; Professor Sir Roy Meadow, paediatrician, 64; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 87; Mrs June O'Dell, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 68; Mr Charles Saatchi, partner, M and C Saatchi, 54; Mr Peter Sanders, former chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 59; Sir Douglas Smith, former chairman, Acas, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons, 64; Colonel J. F. Williams-Wynne, former Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 89; Mr Peter Wilson, chairman, Gallaher, 56.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, Moscow, 1672; Andrew Ramsay, writer, Ayr, 1686; Georg Friedrich Grotefend, scholar, Hanover, 1775; George Stephenson, builder of the *Rocket* locomotive, Wylam, Northumberland, 1781; John Howard Payne, actor and dramatist, New York, 1791; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, advocate of women's right to practise medicine, first female mayor in England (Aldeburgh), London, 1836; Sir Henry Dale, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1936, London, 1875; Cole Porter, songwriter, Peru, Indiana, 1893.

DEATHS: Nero, Roman Emperor AD54-68, Rome, AD68; George Payne James, novelist, Venice, 1860; Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak 1841-68, Burrator, Devon, 1868; Charles Dickens, novelist, Gadshill Place, near Rochester, 1870; Sir Walter Besant, novelist and philanthropist, London, 1901; Keith Douglas, poet, near St Pierre, Normandy, 1944; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Rome, 1953; Robert Donat, actor, London, 1958; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Leatherhead, 1964; Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress, London, 1976; Claudio Arrau, pianist, Austria, 1991.

The *Book of Common Prayer* was adopted by the Church of England, 1549.

Britain took a 99-year lease on the New Territories, Hong Kong, from China, 1898.

Donald Duck made his screen debut in *The Wise Little Hen*, 1934.

The House of Commons was broadcast live by radio for the first time, 1975.

TONY WHITE

Two boys trying the headgear for size at an army surplus stall at Duxford yesterday

Airfields recall wartime roles

ONE of the world's most famous bombers, the B17 Flying Fortress, took to the skies over two wartime RAF stations yesterday in public displays celebrating historic anniversaries.

Cosford, in Shropshire, and Duxford, near Cambridge, echoed again to the sounds of Second World War engines. Tens of thousands of families watched one of the last of the B17s, together with Spitfire, Hurricane, Lancaster and many other veterans in spectacular displays over both stations, now the setting for museums.

Duxford, one of the earliest RAF stations and now part of the Imperial War Museum, is celebrating its 80th anniversary. RAF Cosford was opened in 1938, also for training. Part of the station is now an aerospace museum.

Yesterday, Cosford's annual air show, which regularly attracts a crowd of about 40,000, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the formation of the United States Air Force as a separate group. Until 1947, the American air force was part of the US Army.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David Attwood, Director of Studies and Lecturer in Christian Ethics at Trinity College, Bristol: to be Vicar of Prenton (Chester).

The Rev Roger Bould, Assistant to the Bishop of Wolverhampton: to be the Bishop of Lichfield's Pastoral Auxiliary.

The Rev Peter Cavanagh, Vicar, St Columba, Anfield (Liverpool): to be Vicar, St Mary's, Lancaster (Blackburn).

The Rev Ian Davenport, Vicar, Newton, West Kirby: to be Vicar, Oxton (Chester).

The Rev Peter Dewey, Chaplain of Gordonstoun School (Moray): to be Team Rector, St Laurence- in-Thanet (Canterbury).

The Rev Stehpen Ferns, Rector, St Mary Norton (Durham): to be Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Blackburn).

The Rev Roger Harper, Team Vicar, Pendeford, Tettenhall Regis Team Ministry: to be Resident Minister/Team Vicar Designate, Aldridge Team Ministry (St Thomas), (Lichfield).

The Rev Carolyn James, Curate, Wetherby: to be Vicar, Kirkstall (Ripon).

The Rev John Kelly, Curate, St Giles, Normanton-by-Derby: to be Priest-in-Charge, Ockbrook w Borrowash (Derby).

The Rev Graham Nelson, Curate, Lancaster St Mary: to be Priest-in-charge, Preston St Thomas w St Jude (Blackburn).

Canon David Parker, Executive Officer, Diocesan Board for Church & Society (Manchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral.

Marriages

**Mr J.H. Posnett
and Miss S. Wyman**

The marriage took place on Saturday, in St Paul's Chapel, Columbia University, New York, of Mr Jonathan Posnett, younger son of Sir Richard and Lady Posnett, of Churt, Surrey, to Miss Stacey Wyman, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance Wyman, of New York. The Rev B. Zimmer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Benjamin Nye, Hayley Nye and Ms Amellali Gonzalez de Vaquero König.

**Dr I. Bardhan
and Miss R.L. Chapple**

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, of Dr Indrajit Bardhan, only son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Bardhan, of Bombay, India, to Miss Rachel Chapple, elder daughter of Field Marshal Sir John and Lady Chapple, of London. Father Kit Cunningham officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma Sanders, Georgia Meguer, Christopher Holt, Bertrum Holt and Horatio Chapple.

**Mr M.W. Foster-Brown
and Miss K.S. Bowyer**

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 7, at St Mary's Church, Overton, of Mr Mark Foster-Brown, son of Mr Christopher Foster-Brown and Mrs Pamela Foster-Brown, to Miss Katharine Bowyer, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bowyer, of Ashe Warren House, Hampshire. The Rev Michael Kenning officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Helen Bryer, Lucy Bowyer, Emma Beaumont and Eleanor Norton. Mr Robin Murray Brown was best man.

A reception was held at Ashe Warren House and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr G. Redgrave-Rust
and Dona I. Andrade Paes**

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 7, at St Margaret's Church, Somerton, Suffolk, of Mr Graham Redgrave-Rust, son of the late Mr and Mrs F.C.J. Redgrave-Rust, to Dona Inez Andrade Paes, youngest daughter of the late Senhor A.H. Andrade Paes and of Senhora de Andrade Paes, of Quinta e Rego, Valega, Portugal. The Rev Patrick Prigg officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Senhor Rui Octavio Andrade Paes, was attended by Menina Johanna and Rui Marcus Andrade Paes. Mr David Cossart was best man.

A reception was held at the Old Rectory.

Mr Desmond de Silva and Lord Richard

A dinner was held at Butchers' Hall on June 7 to mark the 10th anniversary of Mr Desmond de Silva, QC, becoming Head of Chambers at 2 Paper Buildings, and to celebrate Lord Richard, QC, PC, becoming Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, and entering the Cabinet. Mr John Causer, Mr de Silva and Lord Richard were the speakers. Guests were:

Lord Justice and Lady Brooke, the Common Serjeant in the City of London and Mrs Denison, Judge Brooks, QC, Judge and Mrs John A. Baker, Judge and Mrs Cotran, Master Murray and members of chambers.

Forthcoming marriages

**Viscount Sandon
and Mrs C.J. Coram James**

The engagement is announced between Conroy, Viscount Sandon, of Burnt Norton, Gloucestershire, and Caroline Coram James, of Sevenhampton, Gloucestershire.

**Mr M.T.M. Broadbent
and Miss L.A. Hardie**

The engagement is announced between Matthew, third son of Mr and Mrs Adam Broadbent, of Richmond, Surrey, and Lucy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Hardie, of Thropton, Northumberland.

**Mr D.J. Cole
and Miss C.A. Bayley**

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Cole, of Oxford, and Charlotte, daughter of Mrs Jenny Cartwright, of Churchstoke.

**The Rev D.J. Dettmer
and Miss C.V. Archer**

The engagement is announced between Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arlen Dettmer, of Alta Vista, Kansas, and Chloë, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Archer, of Dedham, Essex.

**Mr S. Lyon
and Miss N.C. Byrd**

The engagement is announced between Stuart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Lyon, of Grappenhall, Cheshire, and Nicolé, only daughter of Mrs Corinne Byrd, of Barking, Essex.

**Mr C.N.K. Shattock
and Miss A.M.C. O'Donnell**

The engagement is announced between Nigel, youngest son of Captain B.K. and Dr G.M. Shattock, of Piddletrenthide, Dorset, and Aislinn, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J.J. O'Donnell, of Farnham, Surrey.

The Purcell School

The Purcell School will be moving to Bushey at the beginning of July. To mark the end of its time in Harrow there will be a celebration weekend on June 28 and 29, 1997. On Saturday, June 28, a choral concert will take place at All Hallows Church, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, NW3, at 7.30pm. The programme will include the *Fauré Requiem*. All former pupils, former members of staff, parents and Friends are invited to attend and to take part if they wish. Term will end with an Open House afternoon at Harrow on Sunday, June 29, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Further details of both events may be obtained from Mrs Anne Coker, The Purcell School, Mount Park Road, Harrow on the Hill, HA1 3JS. Tel: 0181 422 1284.

University news

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The following election has been made:

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Reading

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BIRTHS

BOND - On June 1st, to Angela and Graham, a son, Frederick, a brother for Fiona and Henry.

FENWICK - On 4th June 1997, to Kate (née Frazer) and James, a son, Edward William Featherstone, a brother for Isabella.

MACKAY - On 17th May, to Laura wife of John, a daughter, India.

MASON - On June 3rd, to Emma (née Girardot) and Robert, a son, William James Edward, a brother for Tom.

ZIMMERMAN - On 5th June 1997, a beloved 7lb 11oz healthy baby daughter, Kayleigh Kristian born to Kristofer and Clare (neé Millward).

DEATHS

ADAMS - John William born Sydney, Australia 1940, died in Provence, France on May 25th 1997. He will be sadly missed by his wife Christian and much loved stepdaughter Beverley Jan who wish to pay tribute to John's courage and fortitude throughout a long and difficult illness.

DAVIES- Dalwyn a water man - on 5th June 1997 in his 90th year peacefully at Chester. Dearly loved husband of the late Grace, much loved father of Meriel and Grainger, grandfather of Glyn, Helen, Janine and Paul and great grandfather of Hannah and Thomas. Funeral service at Chester crematorium on Thursday 12th June at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the hospice of the Good Shepherd, c/o J C Clarke and Son Funeral Directors, Croft House, 3c Hoole Road, Chester. Tel 01244 318 411.

DAVIES - Shirley Brooks of Preston Bath and laterly, Rutland, died suddenly at home on June 5th 1997. Deeply loved & loving wife of Martin, mother of Stephen, Peter and Louise, adored grandmother to Sophie, Anne, Sebastian, Jonathon, Hannah, Simone, Tessa and Matthew. Beloved sister to Pat. We love you eternally.

DAVIS - Sir Dermot Renn Davis OBE of Shalbourne, Wilts., died very suddenly in London on June 6th 1997 aged 68 years. Dearly beloved husband of Mary and brother of Sybilla Lyttle and Bridget Cowper, uncle to 5 nephews and 1 niece. Judge of Appeal in Gibraltar and Chief Justice in the Falkland Islands. Funeral Service will take place at St Michael and All Angels Church, Shalbourne on Friday June 13th at 3pm. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

HARRIS - Diana Maud Ponsonby (née Talbot) on June 4th, beloved wife of the late "Skeets" Harris and mother of Nick, much missed by the family. Funeral Service at the Chichester Crematorium on Thursday 12th June at 4 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to F.A. Holland & Son, Selsey, tel: (01243) 602764.

LLOYD - On June 3rd 1997 peacefully, Roger Kynaston, aged 79, dearly loved husband of Anne and father of Carolyn, David, Gabrielle and Harriet and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday June 11th at 11.40 am.

MULLINGER - George Sqn. Ldr. (Rtd). Died peacefully in his sleep on 5th June aged 69 years. A fabulous father, grandfather, mentor and friend who will be missed by everyone who knew him.

O'FERRALL - Mary (née Lugard) died very peacefully at home on 4th June after a long illness borne with quiet courage. Dearly loved wife of Patrick, mother of Nicola, Mark and Susannah and grandmother of Jeremy and William. Funeral Service at SS Peter and Paul, Godalming, at 2.45 pm June 10th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J. Gorringe & Son, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming GU7 3EF, 01483 416403. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the same church on 27th June at 3 pm.

OSWALD - Duncan Scott on 5th June 1997 after along illness courageously borne. Elder son of David and Elizabeth, brother of Campbell. Funeral Service to take place on Wednesday 11th June in St John's Church, Lemsford at 12.15am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Isabel Hospice c/o Warwick & Peters 31 Hydeway, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 3UQ. 01707 391210.

PHILLIPS Gregory James aged 79 years, on June 6th 1997 peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband of Helen, much loved father of Carole, John and Binnie and grandfather of ten. Thanksgiving service at Bibury Church at 3pm Thursday June 12th, no flowers please.

RICHARDSON - Judith Mary (née Whitson) on Thursday 5th June 1997 at St Peter's Hospice, Bristol, following a courageous fight against cancer. Lovingly remembered by her husband Brian and sons Robert, Timothy and Bumble. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving Thursday 12th June 2.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. Family flowers. Donations for St Peter's Hospice c/o R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 8TN.

RUTHERFORD - On June 6th Vice Admiral Malcolm Graham Rutherford aged 56 beloved husband of Fleur and dearly loved father of Samuel and Kim. Funeral Service at Northington Parish Church, Near Alresford on Thursday June 12th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Meyerstein Institute of Oncology or Trinity Hospice c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU.

TURNER - Gordon Alexander aged 51 years, husband of Jean, father of Alex and Fiona and grandfather of Jasper and Oliver. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ely, Cambs., on Thursday 12th June at 2 pm. Enquiries to Ely Funeral Services, Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW, tel: (01353) 666566.

WATERS - Suddenly on June 5th 1997, Geoffrey aged 82 years. Late of Kensington. Beloved husband of the late Isabel. Loving father of Caroline and the late Michael. Grandfather of Damien. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday June 12th at 3.30pm. All enquiries and flowers to J.H. Kenyon Ltd. Tel: 0171 937 0757.

WILLIAMSON - Charles Arthur Wellesley died peacefully on 4th June 1997. Sadly missed by his wife, family and friends. Formerly of Sherwood Foresters (1939-46) and British Council until his retirement in 1974. Memorial Service on 14th June 2 pm Kempsford Parish Church, Glos. Donations if desired to Fairford Hospital c/o Packer & Slade (01285) 653525.

WOODERSON - Revd. Tim on 5th June 1997 aged 57. Very much loved and loving husband of Sue and father of Debbie, Ruth and Pips. Thanksgiving Service at St John's, Redhill, at 2.30 pm on 13th June. All enquiries to Stoneman Funeral Service tel: (01737) 763456.

WRIGHT - Emeritus Professor at Imperial College, William David Wright aged 90, died peacefully on 4th June. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Compton, Guildford at 12 noon Saturday 14th June. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief c/o Pimms Funeral Services, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford GU1 4QX, tel: (01483) 567394.

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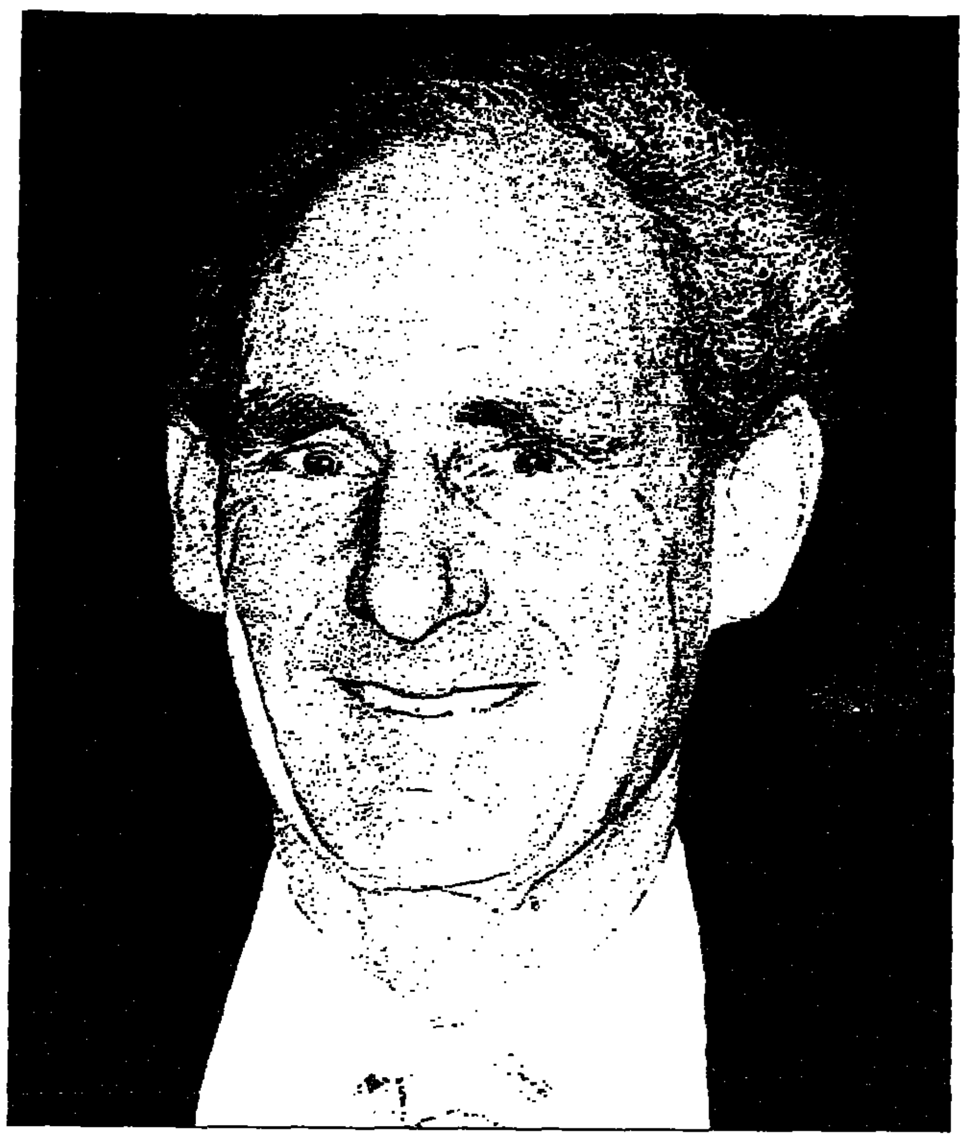
OBITUARIES

JAMES THIN

James Thin, bookseller, died on June 1 aged 73. He was born in Edinburgh on November 26, 1923



ONE expects a good bookseller to be a trifle eccentric. One also recognises that, to survive, he must be a capable businessman. Jimmy Thin was both. What most of his customers will remember best was his passion for books, the trouble he took to seek out what they wanted, and the friendships that grew from his often lengthy and detailed correspondence. What they were probably less aware of was the enormous expansion of James Thin Ltd during his time as managing director.

When Thin joined the family firm in 1949, it consisted of one admittedly sprawling bookshop on Edinburgh's South Bridge, opposite the university. By the time he stood down in 1990, it had grown to a chain of 34 shops, stretching from Inverness to Portsmouth, with a turnover of £34 million. That it has held its own in the face of fierce competition from larger national rivals is testimony in part at least to the resilience and knowledge of a man who loved and understood the trade thoroughly.

His great passion was antiquarian books, and even after his retirement he remained a familiar figure on South Bridge, where he continued to look after that side of the business. He liked nothing better than attending book sales, where he was a keen and discerning bidder. So great was his enthusiasm that on one occasion, in the thick of a snowstorm, with the roads blocked, he donned skis in order to reach a remote sale that he was anxious not to miss. Perhaps not surprisingly, he was the only customer to turn up.

He was an inveterate collector not just of books but of ephemera from clothes to golf balls. He kept, and wore, his Loretto school blazer from the 1930s well into the 1990s, its pockets stuffed with tickets, bills and old concert programmes. His gift to his nephew James, when he joined the family firm, was a very long scarf that had been knitted for him by a relative during the Second World War with a bonnet sewn onto the end of it. He thought it would be a most useful garment for a young bookseller on the way up.

A veteran climber, in the Alps and the Himalayas, as well as the Scottish hills, he loved telling the story of how he once spotted a scrap of paper flowing down a mountain stream in northern India. On retrieving it, he was delighted to find that it was a James Thin bookmark; naturally, he hung onto it. He had climbed all of the Munros — the Scottish hills over 3,000ft — bar one. He disapproved of the modern craze for "Munro-bagging", so he deliberately avoided climbing the last one, opting instead for something lower but, in his view, more challenging.

James Thin was born and brought up in Edinburgh, the great grandson of the James Thin who founded the family firm in 1848. Educated at Loretto School, where his great skill was in languages, he joined the Army in 1942, and served with the Gurkhas in India, learning to speak Urdu fluently. On his return, he took a degree in languages and literature at Edinburgh University, going on to learn the bookselling business from the bottom up, at Bowes & Bowes in Cambridge, and later in Zurich.

His command of German allowed him to make three English translations of German fairy stories, which were later issued by Penguin. He joined James Thin in 1949 at the age of 26, and became managing director in 1973. His partnership with his cousin Ainslie was a successful combinaton of very different skills. Ainslie was the hard-headed administrator; Jimmy was the dedicated book seller, who built up a relationship with thousands of book-buyers all over the world. He had begun at a time when a good bookseller knew all his customers personally, and Jimmy continued the tradition. Many of them became friends, and he would often go to stay with them. South Africa was a favourite destination, not least because it allowed him to climb in the Drakensberg mountains.

He and his wife Marjorie, to whom he was married for 40 years, knew the Highlands intimately. They had a soft spot for the Western Isles, and owned a cottage on Barra, where they spent as much time as they could. Apart from his love of mountaineering, Jimmy was a member of the Monks of St Giles, an Edinburgh literary society, a great raconteur, and a man of restless energy. He was a scholar who disliked badly written or badly published books, but relished good writing.

He had the attractive quality of taking an interest in everyone he met, especially young people. He was immensely good company. His funeral last week was packed with friends, who listened to the kind of entertainment that Jimmy would have relished: ballads from Barra, Scottish accordion-playing, and a host of reminiscences.

He is survived by his wife and four sons.

VICE-ADMIRAL MALCOLM RUTHERFORD

Vice-Admiral Malcolm Rutherford CBE, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Systems), 1994-95, died of a brain tumour on June 6 aged 56. He was born on March 21, 1941.

POSSESSED of remarkable energy and enthusiasm, Malcolm Rutherford combined a highly succesful naval career with the promotion of and participation in a host of sporting and athletic activities.

The son of a former Chief Constable of Surrey, he won a naval scholarship to Gordonstoun, going on from there to Dartmouth in 1958. He subsequently obtained a degree in electrical engineering from London University in 1964. Specialising as a submariner, he first served in the diesel-electric submarine *Thermopylae* before achieving at Greenwich the nuclear reactor engineering diploma, which qualified him for service in nuclear submarines.

Between 1968 and 1978 he oversaw the building of the nuclear submarines *Conqueror* and *Sceptre*, and served in both of them at sea, finding time also to qualify as an Italian interpreter. After promotion to commander, he was appointed weapons engineer officer of the guided missile destroyer *Glamorgan*.

His first tour in the equipment procurement field, from 1986 to 1988, involved managing the development of the tactical weapon system for the very advanced Upholder class, the first conventional diesel-electric submarines to be built for the Royal Navy since the mid-1960s. That the four boats completed in this class have now been put up for sale instead of being commissioned is, some say, an unsatisfactory aspect of the "peace dividend".

Rutherford was next appointed Captain of *HMS Collingwood*, the Navy's weapon engineering school at Gosport and its largest shore establishment. During his time there, he ran in the London and New York Marathons in 1989 at the age of 48.

During the Gulf War of 1991, Rutherford was at the Ministry of Defence as director of personnel on the central tri-service staff. His duties required him to travel to Saudi Arabia: his exceptional talents with people enabled him to win the confidence of all three Services and to deal with the many unusual personnel conditions that arose. He was appointed CBE in 1991 for this work.

Promoted to rear-admiral in 1992, Rutherford was the first engineer and the first non-seaman specialist to hold the post of Naval Secretary, advising the Admiralty Board on all officer promotions and their career structures. As a vice-admiral, his final tour was as Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Systems). In dealing with the difficult choices inherent in defence equipment procurement at a time of intense budgetary pressure, he endeared himself to his Army and Air Force colleagues by his outgoing character and clear thinking about overall defence priorities. In 1994 he also became the doyen of all naval engineers, the Chief Naval Engineer Officer.

Retiring in 1996, he joined GEC-Marconi as a director of its defence systems division, though his time there was cut short by the discovery of his illness. That shock was all the greater because throughout his career Rutherford had made almost a fetish of fitness. As well as being a long-distance runner, he was an accomplished mountaineer, being elected to the Alpine Club in 1972.

Founded as long ago as 1857, the Alpine Club — by contrast with the laxer requirements of other mountaineering clubs in Europe — insists that all its members should have notched up 20 "respectable" alpine peaks or similar mountains. Rutherford was the first to achieve the traverse of the Cuillins in Skye in wintertime. On one occasion in the Alps, a friend was standing on a balcony balustrade in an alpine hut to take a photograph when he touched an electric cable. Shocked, he fell over the edge and slid down the icy slope — without an ice-axe. Rutherford unhesitatingly grabbed his axe and went over the edge to rescue him, but to no avail.

Rutherford was president of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Mountaineering Club for 11 years, and a member of the higher management of the Joint Services Everest Expeditions of 1988 and 1992. He was also on the committee of the Alpine Club and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1966. He took particular pleasure from his recent warm welcome as a member of the Garrick Club, a rare environment for naval officers.

He is survived by his wife Fleur, whom he married in 1969, and by their son and daughter.

EDDIE JONES

Eddie Jones, jazz double bassist, died on May 31 aged 68. He was born on March 1, 1929.

FOR the nine years from 1953 to 1962, Eddie Jones was a member of the most famous rhythm section in jazz, in Count Basie's New Testament band. Together with the impeccable discipline of his brass and reed sections, Basie's hallmark was the Kansas City swing of the bass, drums and guitar that offset his minimal piano style.

Just as the bassist Walter Page had anchored the 1930s rhythm team in Basie's original Old Testament line-up, Jones's broad tone and faultless intonation provided the foundations for the 1950s band that transformed Basie's fortunes from near-bankruptcy to an annual turnover of $2 million.

Jones cut his first record with Basie on August 13, 1953: an arrangement of *Plymouth Rock* by Neal Hefti, one of the writers brought in to modernise Basie's sound. The stolid swing of the prewar band was no longer popular with record-buyers, and Hefti aimed at a lighter sound, which was achieved by Jones's supple four-to-the-bar basslines and the dynamic drumming of Gus Johnson and then Sonny Payne. Together with Basie's original guitarist, Freddie Green, Payne and Jones redefined the art of the swing rhythm section. "It was a musical heart transplant that worked," wrote Hefti, describing their immense success.

Edward Jones had grown up close to Bill Basie's own home at Red Bank, New Jersey, although Basie recalled that "it wasn't until he'd been in the band a week that I realised I knew his family". Jones was educated at Howard University, where he was a lineman on the football team, studied music and formed some of his lifelong friendships, including those with tenor saxophonists Frank Wess and Benny Golson.

He worked in and around Washington and toured with Sarah Vaughan and Lester Young before Wess introduced him to Basie. Ironically, the man who had been Basie's bassist for most of the preceding six months, Gene Ramey, left to join Young, and Jones came in after Milt Hinton had covered for a few weeks.

In his years with Basie, Jones recorded prolifically, not only as part of Basie's own demanding work-schedule, but also on freelance dates with members of Basie's extended "family" — Frank Wess, Frank Foster, Buck Clayton and Joe Newman. Through Golson he came to record in the company of modernists, such as Art Farmer, Wynton Kelly and Golson himself, and in 1957 he had one of his most unusual sessions with the harpist Dorothy Ashby. There were several features for Jones in Basie's repertoire, including *The Big Walk*, and the eponymous *Jonesy*, which he played to great acclaim during the band's Manchester concert in April 1962.

Life with Basie's band was not all about music, for the band also had its own softball team. Jones "was a big fellow, who weighed about 280 pounds, so we made him the catcher," wrote saxophonist Marshal Royal. In his memoir of Jones, Royal also gave the clue to his next career move: "He was very intelligent, read a book a day, and always kept up his school training."

So in June 1962, at Peck's, San Francisco, after years on the road, and dissatisfied with the wages Basie paid, Jones left the band and, it seemed, the world of music, to join IBM. He was adept at both computers and management, rising through the company ranks. In recent years, he had worked on installing large-scale computer systems for an insurance company in Hartford, Connecticut.

Fortunately, the pull of music was too strong for Jones to abandon it altogether, and he appeared at Basie reunions in the 1970s, notably at Carnegie Hall in 1976. Later he toured for George Wein, and in 1989 and 1990 he appeared on Frank Wess's albums *Dear Mr Basie* and *Entre Nous*, reminding the musical public of his claims to be one of the most outstanding of postwar jazz bassists.

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His Majesty the King has sent the following telegram to Flight Sub-Lieutenant Warneford:

> I most heartily congratulate you upon your splendid achievement of yesterday, in which you single-handed destroyed an enemy Zeppelin. I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the Victoria Cross for this gallant act.
>
> GEORGE R.I.

There will be general satisfaction that Flight Sub-Lieutenant Warneford's magnificent exploit has been rewarded so promptly with the V.C. Mr. Warneford's is the second V.C. to be won by an airman, the other being that conferred on Second Lieutenant Rhodes-Moorhouse, who died of wounds received after dropping bombs on the railway line near Courtrai.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, June 7.

I have received an account of the destruction this morning of Zeppelins. In the first case the attack was made single-handed by one of our naval airmen, who manoeuvred his aeroplane so that he gained a position immediately over the Zeppelin and thence dropped a bomb upon it. The Zeppelin immediately burst into flames and exploded and crashed to the ground. In performing this brilliant feat our airman "looped the loop." The probability is that he swooped down to within so close a distance of the Zeppelin that his machine was caught by the force of the explosion and so turned upside down. In any case the British airman lost all the petrol out of one of his tanks and was forced to descend within the German lines, but he managed to refill the tank and to get away again in complete safety. The second Zeppelin was destroyed in a shed near Evere (four miles north-east of Brussels) by a combined attack of a naval air squadron ...

DUTCH ACCOUNT OF THE GHENT EXPLOIT

Amsterdam, June 8.

The *Tyd*'s correspondent gives the following account of the destruction of the Zeppelin:

Yesterday, at dawn, a Zeppelin appeared near Ghent, pursued by two Allied airmen. The German guns posted on the parade-ground and at other points in the town opened a terrible fire on the aeroplanes, which were trying to cut off the Zeppelin's return. The airship was flying over St. Amandsberg and attempting to escape the airmen by descending. The Zeppelin had already had a skirmish with its pursuers, as it was listing to the left side. Shots were exchanged with the pursuers, of whom one was daring enough to approach close to the dirigible in an attempt to fly over it. After a sudden bold swoop this airman was seen to drop some explosives on the Zeppelin, which was at once enveloped in flames. The balloon covering was fiercely burning, and, after some minor reports and one big explosion, the dirigible dropped on the convent school of St Amandsberg ...

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Tory Right battles to beat Clarke

■ A ferocious battle is going on between the three right-wing Tory leadership contenders to let one take over the mantle of the Right to stop Kenneth Clarke or William Hague from winning the contest.

Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and John Redwood agree that the Right has no chance of winning the election unless two of the three bow out after the first ballot which takes place tomorrow .... **Page 1**

'Sierra Leone warriors rush to kill me'

■ I am alone on a deserted jungle airstrip in Sierra Leone when scores of warriors emerge from the jungle, clad in rags and leaves, and armed with everything from machetes to assault rifles. They are fighters from the Revolutionary United Front, allies of Sierra Leone's coup leaders.......... **Page 1**

Fianna Fail wins

Bertie Ahern, the leader of Fianna Fail, will be the next Irish Prime Minister after his political opponents conceded defeat last night. Fianna Fail won 77 seats in the 166-seat Dail .... **Pages 1, 2**

Salmonella fears

An baby faces a lifetime of disability after his mother was taken ill with salmonella at a wedding while pregnant .... **Page 3**

Paedophile ruling

The Government is to produce new guidelines for police dealing with paedophiles after senior officers on Merseyside expressed concern at the imminent release of a child attacker.......... **Page 4**

Moth discovery

Scientists have found a previously unknown species of moth, which they have named St Valentine's Day, after detective work that took them from the Indian Ocean to Oxfordshire.......... **Page 5**

Bomb test ruling

Europe has put pressure on the Government to compensate thousands of veterans of British nuclear tests during the 1950s and 1960.......... **Page 5**

Wider brief

The Government is planning to allow civil servants to be seconded to the Opposition to enable the Leader and other frontbenchers to be better briefed for Commons debates.......... **Page 6**

Brain games

This August London will host the Olympiad of the Mind, a series of 40 events designed to put the contestants' intellects to the test.......... **Page 7**

On a plate

The throwaway society is nothing new. Wooden trenchers, the 16th century answer to paper plates, were apparently discarded without thought .... **Page 9**

EMU decision

After two weeks of political upheaval on the Continent, the new French Government could make the fate of the single currency clearer today.......... **Page 10**

Fallen arches

In a year dogged by misfortune as it tries to fight off competition from Burger King and other rival burger chains, McDonalds has been forced to withdraw its latest multi-millin dollar promotional campaign.......... **Page 11**

Charity row

The British charity International Alert is at the centre of a controversy over its link with coup leaders in Sierre Leone.......... **Page 12**

Kohl coalition threat

Chancellor Kohl's government coalition could break down over the next four weeks unless new ways are found to plug the gaps in the budget, according to Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister.......... **Page 14**

Prancing horse in embarrassing fall

■ The rally of 1,500 red Ferraris in Rome to mark the company's fiftieth anniversary ended with red faces at Ferrari's headquarters at Modena when seven cars worth millions of pounds were stolen and a Texan millionaire watching the rally on CNN spotted his own long lost F512 being driven by a Briton who bought it in good faith eight years ago .... **Page 10**

JEFF MITCHELL / REUTER

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, at Iona Abbey yesterday to mark the fourteen hundredth anniversary of St Columba

BUSINESS

Pensions: Hundreds of thousands of investors with savings in life insurance companies are being made to foot the bill for the pensions mis-selling fiasco..... **Page 48**

Formula One: Fresh doubts have arisen over the timetable of next month's proposed flotation of Formula One Holdings.......... **Page 48**

Granada: The media and hotels combine looks close to making a takeover pitch for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television after its three month bid moratorium expires .... **Page 48**

Industry: The CBI has warned Tony Blair that a new agreement on jobs at next week's Inter-Governmental Conference of the EU states could damage the British labour market.......... **Page 48**

ARTS

Cornish treats: Arts institutions on the tip of the Cornish peninsula are united in a venture that has shaken up local ideas of what art is all about.......... **Page 18**

Girls night out: It's one long screamfest as the heartthrobs of pop group Boyzone play Wembley Arena, and drive all the young girls wild .... **Page 18**

Melvyn Bragg: "Everyone I meet knows that inside a largely neutral or benevolent community of critics there is a tiny minority which indulges in petty acts of vengeance" .... **Page 19**

Dancing high: Mark Morris's modern dance masterpiece *L'Allegro* makes its belated London debut in partnership with English National Opera.......... **Page 19**

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MIND & MATTER

All aboard for Mars: If life has existed anywhere in the solar system apart from on our planet, you can be confident that Colin Pillinger will help to unearth it. Anjana Ahuja on the football-loving professor of planetary sciences who is one of the prime movers behind *Mars Express*.......... **Page 15**

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Cricket: England got away to a splendid start in the Ashes series with a nine-wicket victory over Australia with a day to spare at Edgbaston .... **Pages 25, 27**

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, accelerated the evolution of his team in France, with Shearer again providing a winning finale.......... **Page 26**

Tennis: The unseeded Gustavo Kuerten became the first Brazilian to win a Grand Slam men's singles title when he beat Spains's Sergi Bruguera in a dramatic French Open final .... **Page 31**

Racing: Benny The Dip, a 11-1 chance, beat Silver Patriarch by a short head .... **Pages 34, 35**

Rugby Union: The British Isles tour team lost to a South African provincial side for the first time in 29 years. England lost to Argentina .... **Page 30**

Rugby League: British clubs' worst fears were confirmed when they were thrashed in club championships matches against Australian rivals.......... **Page 36**

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IN THE TIMES

■ ARTS
Bob Dylan didn't make it, but Van Morrison did: report from the Fleadh

■ LAW
More people may be representing themselves in court, but this course of action is full of peril

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Dublin green

The composition of the new Dail will do nothing to inhibit, indeed will probably encourage, the adoption of a more nationalist tone in Dublin .... **Page 21**

Safety first

Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia are pressing for a partial resumption of ivory exports. CITES governments should refuse their demands .... **Page 21**

Waltzing over Matilda

Forgive us, Australia, if we preen ourselves and strut a bit today. It's just that we are completely over the moon.......... **Page 21**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If the European Union could create a free-trade area of the whole European homeland, including Russia, that would constitute a single market of 800 million people... **Page 20**

CHARLES LEWINGTON

Watching the leadership contest from the sidelines I can't help feeling that we are in danger of losing the plot .... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

If things go wrong, the Chancellor is sacrificed, not the Prime Minister. Just as the fate of the Government is dependent on Mr Brown's success, so his future is inextricably linked to that of Mr Blair **Page 20**

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Boris Yeltsin proposes to take the mummified body of Lenin out of the mausoleum and give the former Bolshevik leader a Christian burial in St Petersburg. He had better be prepared for demonstrations and protests which could turn violent

— *La Repubblica*

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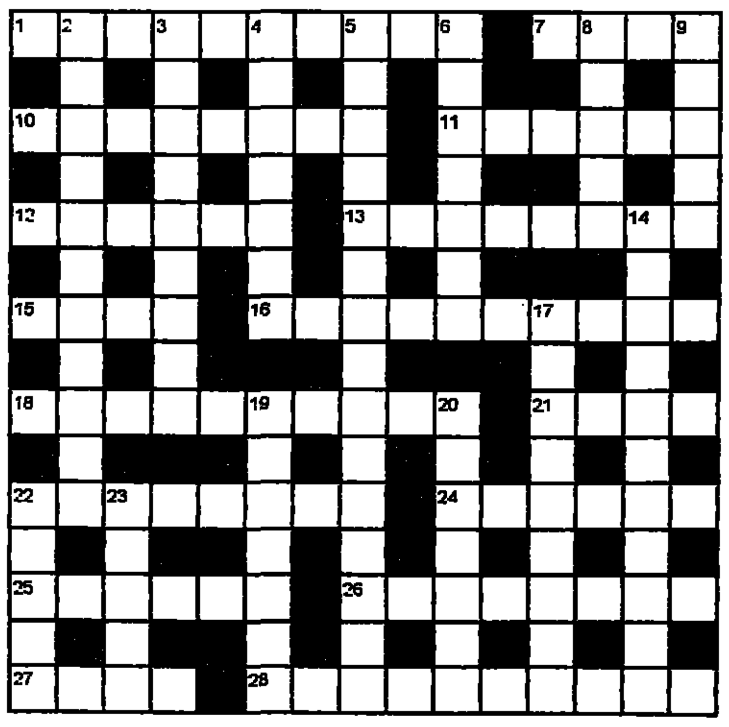

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21 State university backing one of several occupations (4).
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27 Approval received by the old couple (4).
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** low pressure off western Scotland will pull away towards Iceland as another low-pressure front approaches the British Isles from the South West.

After some early mist, much of England and Wales will have sunny spells. These will set off some showers in the afternoon, but mainly in the North and West. Southwest England will be rather cloudy, perhaps with some drizzle later. It will still be quite warm, but fresher than recently as local sea breezes develop.

Scotland and Northern Ireland, in general, will have a mixture of sunny spells and showers, the showers heavy in places but avoiding some parts of eastern Scotland. Shetland will brighten after a damp, misty start.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** mainly dry with sunny spells, perhaps odd shower. Wind southwest becoming southeast, light. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England:** sunny start, then some showers for a time, perhaps heavy over hills. Wind south or southwest, light. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **S W England:** cloudy overall, perhaps some drizzle later. Wind mainly south light. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney:** sunny spells, risk of some showers in the afternoon. Wind southwest to south, mainly light. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N W Scotland, N Ireland:** sunny intervals; some heavy showers in afternoon. Wind south or southwest, light or moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Shetland**: damp, misty start, becoming brighter, then some sunshine. Wind variable or southwest light. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloud and rain gradually pushing in from the South West.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm; b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	13.4	0.01	19	66	s	Leuchars	10.4	0.02	22	72	b
Anglesey	9.5	0.11	18	64	sh	Littlehmptn	11.3	0.01	19	66	s
Aspatria	9.5	0.13	19	66	sh	London	12.2	0.02	21	70	sh
Aviemore	9.5	0.02	19	66	sh	Lowestoft	9.9	0.01	22	72	s
Belfast	8.7	0.03	17	63	sh	Manchester	10.2	0.04	21	70	r
Birmingham	13.3	0.03	21	70	t	Margate	0.1	0.01	24	75	s
Bognor R	11.1	0.01	19	66	s	Minehead	8.0	0.19	18	64	sh
Bournem'th	9.3	0.03	18	64	s	Morecambe	9.0	0.18	21	70	s
Bristol	9.7	0.12	19	66	f	Newcastle	9.6	0.45	21	70	s
Buxton	9.9	0.10	19	66	s	Newquay	9.7	0.05	18	64	s
Cardiff	7.5	0.06	18	64	sh	Norwich	11.2	0.09	22	72	t
Clacton	14.1	X	18	64	s	Oxford	12.3	0.01	20	68	b
Cleethorpes	12.1	0.02	23	73	t	Penzance	X	0.02	17	63	s
Cromer	11.4	0.01	23	73	s	Poole	7.7	0.11	20	68	s
Dunbar	7.8	0.02	21	70	s	Prestatyn	X	0.05	21	70	b
Eastbourne	13.5	-	20	68	s	Ross-o-wye	10.2	0.09	20	68	f
Edinburgh	6.7	0.08	21	70	sh	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	4.1	0.22	17	63	sh	Salcombe	8.2	-	17	63	s
Exmouth	9.7	0.01	19	66	s	Sandown	X				
Falmouth	8.4	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	13.8	0.06	22	72	s
Fishguard	7.8	0.42	17	63	sh	Shanklin	12.7	0.01	18	64	s
Folkestone	13.3	0.04	21	70	s	Shrewsbury	7.2	0.04	19	66	sh
Glasgow	2.2	0.06	18	64	sh	Skegness	12.2	0.11	23	73	s
Guernsey	9.7	0.06	20	68	sh	Southend	10.5	0.01	22	72	sh
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Leeds	10.0	0.10	22	72	sh	West-s-mare	6.6	0.17	21	70	sh
Lerwick	3.7	-	14	57	fg	Weymouth	8.3	0.15	15	59	s

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Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	21	70	s	Malaga	28	82	f	S Fr'isco	19	66	s
Alex'dria	32	90	s	Dublin	17	63	c	Malta	25	77	s	S Paulo	X		
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Athens	25	77	f	Florence	23	73	s	Miami	31	88	s	Seoul	28	82	s
B Aires	15	59	f	Frankfurt	26	79	s	Milan	27	81	f	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	22	72	f	Montreal	24	75	s	St'kholm	24	75	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Geneva	23	73	f	Moscow	21	70	c	Strasb'rg	28	82	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	24	75	f	Munich	24	75	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Barcelona	23	73	f	Helsinki	23	73	s	N Delhi	35	95	s	Tangier	25	77	f
Beirut	25	77	s	Hong K	29	84	f	N York	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	21	70	s	Innsbrck	27	81	s	Nairobi	22	72	f	Tenerife	26	79	f
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Borde'x	28	82	f	L Angels	21	70	f	Paris	23	73	s	Valencia	28	82	f
Brussels	27	81	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	25	77	c	Vanc'ver	15	59	s
Budapest	19	66	r	Le Touqt	21	70	f	Perth	21	70	s	Venice	22	72	s
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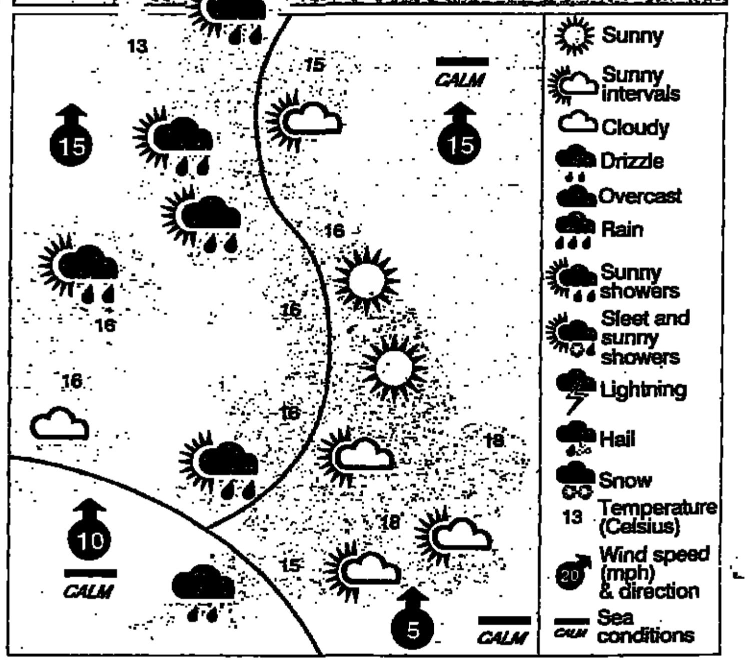

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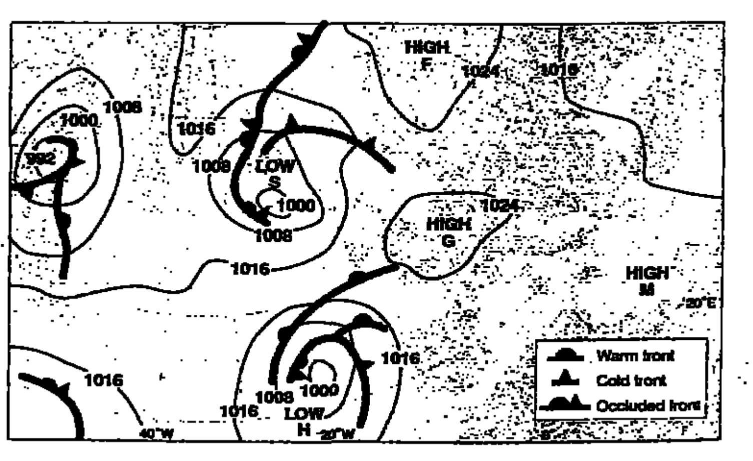

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Aberdeen	04.36	4.0	17.10	3.8	Liverpool	02.21	9.0	14.45	8.6
Avonmouth	10.39	12.2	22.50	12.1	Lowestoft	00.58	2.3	12.54	2.4
Belfast	02.16	3.5	14.47	3.1	Margate	03.21	4.6	15.31	4.5
Cardiff	10.25	11.3	22.36	11.2	Milford Haven	09.39	6.3	21.54	6.3
Devonport	08.08	5.0	21.15	5.2	Newquay	08.32	6.3	20.47	6.4
Dover	02.14	6.3	14.35	6.4	Oban	09.06	3.5	21.06	3.6
Dublin (N Wall)	02.48	4.1	15.15	3.8	Penzance	08.00	5.0	20.18	5.1
Falmouth	08.39	4.8	20.46	5.0	Portland	10.21	1.6	22.25	1.7
Greenock	03.31	3.4	16.16	3.0	Portsmouth	02.23	4.4	14.57	4.3
Harwich	03.03	3.8	15.17	3.7	Shoreham	02.10	5.8	14.42	5.8
Holyhead	01.31	5.4	13.57	5.0	Southampton	01.56	4.3	14.21	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	09.39	8.2	22.10	7.9	Swansea	09.39	8.7	21.55	8.7
Ilfracombe	09.23	8.4	21.36	8.4	Tees	06.58	5.2	19.30	4.9
King's Lynn	08.41	6.3	22.15	5.8	Walton-on-N	02.58	3.9	15.10	3.8

All times BST. Heights in metres

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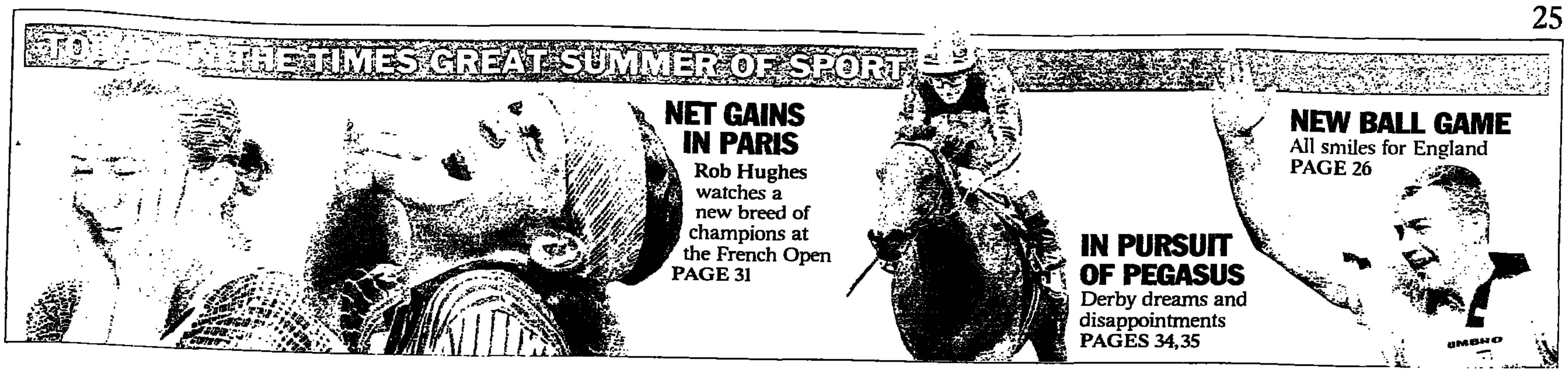
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Victory in sight: Alec Stewart, who made 40 in an unbeaten second-wicket stand of 90 with Michael Atherton, shapes to hit the winning run off Shane Warne. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Fiery England reduce Australia to ashes

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE WAIT has been long and the jokes sometimes cruel but English cricket may at last be about to reclaim its lost property. Credibility, prestige, even the holy grail of the Ashes are all within their sights after victory, by nine wickets and a day to spare, in a first Test match that had virtually everything.

There was a time, yesterday, when it seemed the game was being turned on its head and the stunning domination of the first two days would bring England nothing but broken dreams. It would have seemed unjust . . . and horribly familiar.

This, however, is not the mentally brittle England side of recent memory. Patient and probing, positive and resolute, they gained their dues shortly before 7pm and provoked a celebration of immodest extravagance from what was close to a fourth consecutive full house at Edgbaston.

Not even in the wondrous summer of 1981 did crowds turn up in such numbers at the start of a series and perhaps, since then, there has been no comparable incentive. But yesterday the Birmingham public roared its approval of a team capable of more than a perfunctory handshake with glory. This team wants to know the feeling intimately.

England are now unbeaten in six Tests and have won their last three but the significance of this victory is its timing. There have been some memorable successes under Michael Atherton — in Barbados and Adelaide, at Lord's, Old Trafford and twice at the Oval — but, for the first time, England have taken charge of a major series at source. The terms are theirs to dictate.

There was much to admire about their cricket over the four days and calmness was not the least of their virtues. After amassing a first-innings lead of 360, with almost three days still to play, any tendency towards complacency was ignored. Australia came back hard but England were ready for them, parrying the counter-attack and awaiting their moment.

It did not come easily. Mark Taylor, for whom this might so easily have been a farewell to Test cricket, made certain of that. His century was a monument to the character of the Australia captain but whereas in recent Ashes series the characters have all been Australian, now there were plenty on the home team, too.

Darren Gough and Robert Croft, who shared the first six wickets, have quickly become the pillars of the England attack and the epitome of the new spirit of the side. Wholehearted, hostile and still developing in ability, their exuberance is infectious.

On earlier days there had been another English partnership to celebrate — that of Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe. Both have been prickly young men; either might have fallen short through flawed temperament. Now, they have been embraced and encouraged by the best England management team I have known.

David Lloyd, as coach, and David Graveney, as chairman of selectors, will say that the players deserve the credit for this upturn in fortunes. Their care, communication and innovative skills have made a huge contribution to a feeling that English cricket has not experienced for too long. The Ashes really may be coming home.

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Gascoigne's place under threat as England coach completes jigsaw

Beckham central to Hoddle's plan

France 0
England 1

From Oliver Holt
Football correspondent
in Montpellier

THE England fans penned in the lower tier behind one of the goals in the Stade de la Mosson had been cheering Paul Gascoigne's every touch from the moment that he walked out on to the pitch to warm up. A few seconds before kick-off, he scooped a ball up into his hands and hoisted it towards them to acknowledge their support.

His first attempt was misjudged. It soared over some high protective netting into the upper tier, where the most raucous of the France supporters whooped and yelled at his *faux pas*. Undeterred, Gascoigne motioned for another ball to be passed to him and, this time, he chipped it perfectly into the midst of a mass of flailing English arms.

Just like Gascoigne's honing of his skill, this was a game about stages of improvement: about development, about moving towards the proper execution of a task. Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, has made the accelerated evolution of his team the purpose of this happy Tournoi de France, and it is progressing apace.

It was encouraging, of course, that Alan Shearer's late goal on Saturday should bring England their first victory on French soil since 1949, when Billy Wright was one of the scorers. It was satisfying, too, that they should have inflicted what was only a second defeat in 35 matches on the hosts of the World Cup finals next year and put them out of contention for this tournament in the process.

Shearer's goal came in the 86th minute, the product of a run and cross by Sheringham, who had only been on the pitch for five minutes, and a mistake by Barthez, the France goalkeeper. Shearer's tap-in was his eleventh goal in his past 11 England games.

The result did not flatter England, who had struggled against the pace of Dugarry in the first half but who were the better side after the introduction of Ince for Batty in the second. Seaman was forced to produce an outstanding save from Laigle's volley 20 minutes from the end, but Wright and Shearer had already brought excellent stops out of Barthez by then.

Results in this tournament, though, are not the important thing. France fielded what amounted to a glorified reserve team, a side that started without Zinedine Zidane and Marcel Desailly, among others, a side that was experimenting, just as England have done.

Hoddle has always stressed that he would not worry about other teams during the tournament, that he would concentrate on moulding his team towards the World Cup. The fact that England have now won six games in succession and their past six games abroad is gratifying, of course, and a great breeder of confidence, but it is the evolution of the team that is important.

In that respect, the Tournoi de France has already exceeded all expectations. Together with the victory over Poland in the World Cup qualifying match in Katowice a fortnight ago, issues that once were cloudy have become so clear that Stuart Pearce said last week that he believed eight players were now automatic choices.

Pearce would not name names, but it is hard to see Hoddle leaving out any of David Seaman, Gary Neville, Tony Adams, Sol Campbell, David Beckham, Paul Ince, Teddy Sheringham and Alan Shearer, provided that they are fit. Defence and attack are beginning to solidify and the battleground for the other three places will be joined in midfield.

The most fascinating struggle, inevitably, is likely to involve Gascoigne. The troubled Rangers midfield player has been written off many times before, but in the past it has always been because of his own problems rather than through the merits of others.

That Gascoigne, even a physically and psychologically fit Gascoigne, now has real competition for his place has been the most invigorating aspect of this tour, a development that has made the rest of Europe stop mocking England for their over-reliance on a player who is the antithesis of reliability.

Beckham has had only two matches in the central midfield position that so many have been clamouring for him to occupy for so long, and two bookings earned by his petulance have put him out of the final match, against Brazil tomorrow. Yet against Italy last Tuesday and, more pertinent, against France on Saturday night, the Manchester United player showed thrilling flashes of potential.

Gascoigne, who no longer holds the monopoly on creativity within the team and whose influence has waned almost imperceptibly, produced one of the finest passes of the match against France, when he capped a brief run with a beautifully weighted, expertly timed ball to allow Beckham to beat the offside trap.

Beckham could not squeeze his shot past Barthez, but a few minutes earlier he had produced his entry for pass of the game, a raking, 50-yard crossfield drive that arrowed over the head of N'Gotty and allowed Shearer a header that Barthez did well to smother.

As the World Cup moves ever nearer, Hoddle could still play Beckham and Gascoigne in the same central midfield alongside Ince, his second-half formation against France. That, though, is unlikely, because not only would it discount playing Robert Lee, whom Hoddle has singled out for special praise recently, but it would also ignore the claims of Paul Scholes, who was such a revelation against Italy.

It is too early to build Scholes into a world-beater, but in the absence of Eric Cantona he is likely to find himself with a much higher profile in Manchester United's FA Carling Premiership and Champions' League campaigns next season. It is easy to see him pressing his claims for a place in the England starting line-up by next summer as forcibly as Gascoigne did when he broke into the team just before the 1990 World Cup.

To avoid having to make a straight choice between Beckham and Gascoigne, Hoddle could move the United player — the epitome of quiet charm off the pitch, but whose temperament could have got him sent off in both matches in this tournament rather than merely ruling him out of the match against Brazil — back to right wing-back.

However, his defensive failings in that position were exposed against Poland, and he has looked far more influential since his move to the centre. That would also allow space for the introduction of Phil Neville, another United youngster, who has looked comfortable there, although he could also play on the left instead of Graeme Le Saux.

Absentees from this trip, players such as Steve McManaman and Darren Anderton, may come into the midfield equation, too, but, more and more, the feeling is growing that the battle for the creative soul of the team has been distilled to a choice between Gascoigne and Beckham.

If Gascoigne stays fit and sensible — and there are signs of both — his career may be about to enter its Indian summer. After Beckham's abridged contribution to the Tournoi de France, though, it is clear that a usurper is waiting in the wings.

ENGLAND (3-5-2): D Seaman (Arsenal) — G Neville (Manchester United), G Southgate (Aston Villa), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur) — P Neville (Manchester United), D Batty (Blackburn Rovers; sub: P Ince, Internazionale 46min), P Gascoigne (Rangers), D Beckham (Manchester United, sub: R Lee, Newcastle United 76), G Le Saux (Blackburn Rovers) — I Wright (Arsenal; sub E Sheringham, Tottenham Hotspur, 81), A Shearer (Newcastle United)

FRANCE (3-4-1-2): F Barthez (AS Monaco) — L Blanc (Barcelona), B N'Gotty (Paris Saint-Germain), P Laigle (Sampdoria, sub: B Lizarazu, Athletic Bilbao 85) — L Thuram (Parma), D Deschamps (Juventus), P Vieira (Arsenal), M Keller (Karlsruhe) — Y Djorkaeff (Internazionale) — C Dugarry (AC Milan, sub: Z Zidane, Juventus, 76), N Ouedec (Espanyol, sub: P Loko, Paris Saint-Germain, 70)

Referee: S Belgola (Morocco)

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A deserved victory over France has failed to resolve the claims of Beckham, left, and Gascoigne to the role of England playmaker

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Brazil	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Italy	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

(not including last night's match)

Shearer pounces on a mistake by Barthez, the France goalkeeper, to score the decisive goal in Montpellier

Scottish powers of endurance are rewarded by McAllister

Belarus 0
Scotland 1

From Kevin McCarra
in Minsk

ALTHOUGH swaying uncertainly on their feet yesterday, Scotland contrived to stumble a little farther along the path to the World Cup finals. Victory over Belarus, through a Gary McAllister penalty, keeps them at the top of qualifying group four and it was forgivable that they should not look like a team that held so lofty a position.

In Minsk, Scotland seemed to have found themselves one match beyond the limits of their stamina at the very end of a season. It was difficult to make repeated runs on a humid afternoon, but for Craig Brown's side the greatest trial lay in finding the concentration that would glue together an unfamiliar selection of footballers.

"The legs were gone, and, in some cases the brain, but the heart was huge," Brown said. Picking the team had been an act of improvisation for the manager and with each piece of poor marking or misconstrued passing in the first half, he must have felt that forces beyond his control were at war with Scotland's hopes. By good fortune, though, his men reached the interval without losing a goal.

Scotland had negotiated their period of greatest vulnerability and seemed to have been stimulated by their survival. In the second half, players such as Hopkin at last found the means of fitting their industry into the context of the team. Above all, the soaring morale had its origins in the astuteness of Darren Jackson as he created the only goal.

In the 49th minute, he gathered Durie's pass on the right of the penalty area and, instead of attempting to shoot, decided to sprint directly at Iakhimovitch. The defender was hesitant and his misplaced tackle flattened the Hibernian forward.

Although he later professed to have been utterly confident, McAllister, as he prepared to take the penalty, surely had thoughts of his miss against England at Wembley last summer gnawing at his mind. Perhaps the captain was even aware of the fact that he had not scored for his country since 1992. The penalty, flighted into the top corner, concealed such doubts perfectly.

It also disguised the previous course of the match. Belarus had hit the crossbar in the sixth minute when Iakhimovitch's 40-yard shot was misjudged by Leighton. The Scotland performance was to be full of flawed calculations for a while, and, when a free kick was conceded two minutes later, the goalkeeper, now completely alert, produced a fine save from Ostrovski.

Whenever Scotland came upon some composure, an error would create fresh panic. In the 34th minute Dailly squandered possession and, when Dovnar broke on the counter-attack, the Derby County centre half needed all of his great pace to recover and tackle.

Nonetheless, there were hints even then of expertise, particularly when Lambert was demonstrating his simplicity and accuracy of style as he covered in front of the Scotland defence. Others grew in understanding of the rules and, while this was never an authoritative performance, a little of the spirit in the Belarus team gradually ebbed away.

Even so, there were still moments when they threatened to equalise. Makovski, a substitute, missed his kick in a goalmouth mêlée and later he appeared to have set up a simple goal. In the 83rd minute, Boyd surrendered the ball to him on the left and he crossed to Gerssimets. The forward, though, paused and allowed Gemmill to block. That contribution typified perfectly an afternoon of endurance rather than triumph for Scotland.

Even so, there may be celebrations to come. Brown has the consolation of knowing that the last matches are at home against weaker nations, Belarus and Latvia. With time, this win may be revealed to have been precious indeed.

BELARUS (3-5-2): A Satsounkevitch (Lokomotiv Nizhny Novgorod) — A Lavrik (Dynamo Moscow), A Ostrovski (Dynamo Moscow), E Iakhimovitch (Dynamo Moscow) — S Gourenko (Lokomotiv Moscow), A Dovnar (Dynamo Moscow, sub V Belkevitch Dynamo Kiev 53min), M Romachtchenko (Spartak Moscow), S Chtaniouk (Dynamo Moscow), R Orlovski (Torpedo Moscow, sub D Balachov, Belshyna, 66) — A Khlebossolov (Belshyna, sub: V Makovski, Dynamo Minsk, 61), S Gerssimets (Baltika Kaliningrad).

SCOTLAND (3-1-4-2): J Leighton (Hibernian) — C Burley (Chelsea), C Dailly (Derby County), T Boyd (Celtic) — P Lambert (Borussia Mönchengladbach) — D Hopkin (Crystal Palace: sub: S Gemmill, Nottingham Forest, 68), D Jackson (Hibernian, sub: W Dodds, Aberdeen, 87), G McAllister (Coventry City), T McKinlay (Celtic; sub B McAllister, 79) — K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), G Durie (Rangers)

Referee: A Cakar (Turkey)

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	8	5	2	1	9	2	17
Austria	6	4	1	1	8	4	13
* Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Latvia	7	2	1	4	9	11	7
* Estonia	6	1	1	4	2	8	4
Belarus	6	1	1	4	3	10	4

* not including last night's match

McAllister: penalty

Laudrup and Babbel form United front

By Russell Kempson

MANCHESTER United, the FA Carling Premiership champions, are expected to make their first moves in the summer transfer market this week by completing the signings of Brian Laudrup, the Denmark and Rangers forward, and Markus Babbel, the Germany and Bayern Munich central defender. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, will pay £5 million for each of the players.

Laudrup, 28, made it known at the end of last season that he wanted to leave Ibrox, despite being voted Scottish footballer of the year twice in three seasons at the club. It was believed, however, that he favoured a move to Ajax of Amsterdam.

Ferguson is hoping to finalise contract details today and was delighted at Laudrup's apparent change of heart. "He is a quality player," he said. "He has made it clear he wants to come to us in spite of competition from other big clubs."

Rangers are resigned to losing Laudrup. "We made him the biggest offer in the club's history," Campbell Ogilvie, the Rangers secretary, said. "He made it clear, though, that money did not have anything to do with it."

Babbel, 24, is a probable replacement for the injury-prone Gary Pallister, who is likely to return to Middlesbrough, where he started his career. Babbel, who is noted for his elegant attacking qualities from deep-lying positions, once stated that he did not want to play abroad. He said that a two-year loan spell with Hamburg was as far as he was willing to travel. "Markus is tall, strong and will substantially strengthen our defence," Ferguson said. "He has shown with Bayern that he is a particularly good marker and he has that excellent German attitude to the game — he is organised, committed and disciplined."

Laudrup: quality

Ferguson is also reported to be interested in Gabriel Batistuta, the prolific Argentina and Fiorentina striker, but would need to find another £8 million to make a successful bid. "We've had no call from United but we're ready to listen," Oreste Cinquini, Fiorentina's sporting director, said yesterday.

Trevor Watkins, the trustee of the Bournemouth appeal fund, will today meet the creditors of the struggling Nationwide League second division club and will put before them a proposed rescue package worth £1.4 million.

Bournemouth, who have debts of £4.5 million, were taken over by the Receiver in January. They face a winding-up order in the High Court on Thursday, brought by the Inland Revenue over unpaid taxes of £250,000, and could be expelled from the Football League at its annual meeting on Friday if they are unable to provide the required financial guarantees.

Babbel: elegant

"We are still a couple of hundred thousand pounds short of our target but I can't believe the club will be allowed to die for such an amount," Watkins said. "A lot of people still want to save the club."

Nigeria became the first country to qualify for the World Cup finals next year — joining France, the hosts, and Brazil, the champions — when they beat Kenya 3-0 in their African zone group one match in Lagos on Saturday.

Morocco later joined them, from group five, when they defeated Ghana 1-0 in front of an ecstatic 90,000 crowd in Casablanca.

Tommy Burns, the former Celtic manager, has been interviewed for the vacant job at Reading, the Nationwide League first division side.

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England race to victory in first Test after Gough and Ealham end Australia's resistance

Atherton quick to go for the kill

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (fourth day of five): England beat Australia by nine wickets

IT ENDED in a rush of wickets and runs as astounding as the way it had begun, and when Alec Stewart thrashed Shane Warne over mid-off and threw his arms exultantly towards the blue sky of Birmingham it was a genuinely symbolic moment. England, oppressed for four series by the supremacy of Australia, had cast off the shackles at last.

Whatever may happen now — and there is scope for many twists and turns in the five subsequent Test matches of this Cornhill series — nothing can alter the fact that England administered an emphatic defeat of Australia in a game that really mattered, taking the lead in an Ashes series for the first time since they were last won in the winter of 1986-87.

There was symbolism, too, in the presence of Michael Atherton at the crease, 57 not out, when the game was won. He has endured a good deal in his four years as captain and many lesser men would have discarded the responsibility, or been stripped of it, long ago. Atherton, however, wants the Ashes more than anything and his broad grin, as he stood surveying the triumphal crowd, indicated that he believes his time is close.

England's cricket yesterday was as admirably resolute as it had earlier been irresistible. Australia had begun to hint that they might wriggle off the hook and it needed bowling of great persistence to wear them down on a pitch that had always offered occasional unevenness but showed no sign of deterioration.

Once Mark Taylor, for whom no praise can be too great, was out in the second hour of the day, nothing but the weather was likely to deny England. From 327 for one, Australia declined to 477 all out, their last four wickets tumbling for 12 runs to leave a target of 118 in 24 overs to avoid the risk of a washed-out final day.

England did it easily. There was no hint of caution or negativity as Atherton led by example with a series of convincing cover drives. Mark Butcher was lost along the way, but Atherton and Stewart, captain and senior professional, carried the side serenely home with an unbroken stand of 90 in 18 overs.

Nasser Hussain was named man of the match by Bob Willis, who might equally have gone for half a dozen others. Taylor, certainly, entered his thoughts. He went out to bat with his side trailing by 360 and his career on the line. If he had failed for the second time in the match, his position would have been untenable.

He might have failed, too, for there was nothing permanent about him in the infancy of his innings. Taylor, however, won friends and admirers with his tenacity. His batting was seldom pretty and he may feel that he is still some way short of fluency, but few Test centuries have ever been made under such a burden.

England were further delayed by a man who did play with great fluency, Greg Blewett. His off-driving was a delight, for he struck the ball on the up, picking length unerringly and seldom hitting the ball in the air. Blewett has now made centuries in his first three Ashes Tests and the greatest surprise of that is the amount of time that he spent out of the Australia side between times.

Blewett raced to his hundred with eight fours in the first hour. Taylor was more circumspect, as if wearied by the mental efforts of Saturday, and it was no great surprise when Robert Croft, now bowling with beguiling loop, induced a false drive and took a comfortable return catch.

The second-wicket pair had added 194 and England still had plenty of batting to erode. Luck, at first, ran against them, Gough beating the bat or finding edges falling short, but after lunch there was a significant spell from Devon Malcolm, bowling with pace and aggression for the first time in the match. He did not take a wicket, but he may well have influenced what was to come.

Blewett, pushing forward to Croft, was caught at silly point off pad and bat; Bevan, who had begun as if intent on setting England a target before close of play, fended a lifting ball to gully for the second time in the game; then, crucially, Mark Waugh came and went.

The emergency over Waugh had passed. Doctors had diagnosed that his condition, feared to be appendicitis, was nothing worse than a bout of gastric trouble. He arrived, plainly, with the ability to play the innings that would stifle England's hopes, but he made only one before Gough, immersed in an inspired spell, found a ball that lifted and left him, taking the glove.

A thunderstorm interrupted the procession, but when the skies cleared, limiting the time lost to 50 minutes, Gough struck for a third time, pinning Steve Waugh back on his stumps.

Now came an irritating partnership between Healy and Warne and a gamble from Atherton, who turned to his fifth bowler. On Saturday, Mark Ealham's first over had been unspeakably bad; yesterday, it was no better. But the first ball of his second, short and wide, found Healy carving a catch to gully.

Two balls later, Kasprowicz nudged a good one to slip, and now the force was with Ealham. His third over contained the run-out of Gillespie's runner and the wicket of Warne through a gentle return catch. England were on the way, and Atherton was in no mood to come back this morning.

MARC ASPLAND

Blewett, having made a magnificent 125 in Australia's second innings, falls to Butcher's catch off the bowling of Croft at Edgbaston yesterday

Supporters out of harmony with the occasion

MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Edgbaston

There was a terrific moment at Edgbaston in the first hour of play on Saturday morning when the crowd, or a clever section of it, began to sing Parry's setting of *Jerusalem*. They went right through the song, tunefully and accurately, except for referring to "chariots" of fire when Mr Blake had only the one in mind.

A few years ago a group of English rugby supporters sang it in Paris, when the French were taking one of their customary pastings, and it sounded pretty classy that day, too. If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, then it doesn't hurt to have such a great song to sing. *Advance, Australia Fair*, by contrast, sounds like something knocked off in a tea break by a municipal ways and means committee.

They were singing different sorts of songs last night as England claimed a marvellous victory inside four days, and some of them left a less pleasant taste in the mouth. On the whole, the atmosphere at Edgbaston has been good, but it was hard to make a case for the kind of grubby ditties imported from Villa Park and St Andrew's.

Why anybody should want to boo Shane Warne when he comes on to bowl is beyond comprehension. He is one of the greats and worthy of the respect that great players are due. This Test was played in a keen and even-tempered way to the very end. Batsmen "walked"; fielders applauded opponents' centuries. It is a pity that some of the spectators got a bit carried away.

Still, it is possible to celebrate this victory in a more healthy manner. In fact it will be celebrated the length and breadth of the kingdom, and not only by those who follow the game's every detail. If the past four days have revealed anything, it is that Englishmen and women are closely bonded when it comes to beating Australia at cricket. England have not done that in this country since 1985, but they have won an important first Test, and they do not lack self-belief.

It was perplexing to read a columnist (and not any old columnist) write in this paper on Saturday that "cricket is enjoyable to play but unexciting to follow". This wonderful game provided all the sporting and human interest a chap could want, right up to the moment that Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart saw England past their target in a blaze of glory.

There was a superb hour of play after lunch yesterday, when Devon Malcolm raced in properly for the first time in the match and gave Steve Waugh a peppering, hitting him on the hand and seeing the ball roll on to the stumps without dislodging the bails.

For five overs, Malcolm did what he is supposed to do. He banged the ball in at a good pace and kept it pretty straight. It will not necessarily help him to retain his place for the second Test at Lord's. Of the three new-ball bowlers England selected here, Malcolm was, overall, the least impressive, and it was no surprise that when Darren Gough replaced him at the Pavilion End the decisive moments were not long coming.

There will be difficult times ahead for England, but in the glow of early summer, with the one-day series won so convincingly and the first Test resolved in so memorable a fashion, these are days to cherish. People have been wandering round the ground this week unable to contain their delight and it would be a foolish man who said confidently that the season has exhausted its capacity for surprise.

From Gough's superb swing bowling on that incredible first morning to some of the strokes that Atherton played last night, this Test has been a moveable feast. In the days to come, people will remember the brilliance of Hussain and Thorpe, Taylor's immense display of manhood, the peristence of Kasprowicz, Blewett's cover driving, Healy's six catches. It was four days that shook the cricket world.

'Four days that shook the cricket world'

FULL FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Butcher b Malcolm (24min, 16 balls, 1 four)	7
M T G Elliott b Gough (19min, 13 balls, 1 four)	6
G S Blewett c Hussain b Gough (36min, 15 balls)	7
M E Waugh b Gough (23min, 25 balls, 1 four)	5
S R Waugh c Stewart b Caddick (31min, 20 balls, 3 fours)	12
M G Bevan c Ealham b Malcolm (31min, 21 balls, 1 four)	8
†I A Healy c Stewart b Caddick (1min, 1 ball)	0
J N Gillespie lbw b Caddick (13min, 8 balls, 1 four)	4
S K Warne c Malcolm b Caddick (63min, 46 balls, 8 fours)	47
M S Kasprowicz c Butcher b Caddick (44min, 28 balls, 3 fours)	17
G D McGrath not out (9min, 3 balls)	1
Extras (w 2, nb 2)	4
Total (31.5 overs, 150min)	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-15, 3-26, 4-28, 5-48, 6-48, 7-48, 8-54, 9-110.

BOWLING: Gough 10-1-43-3; Malcolm 10-2-25-2; Caddick 11 5-1-50-5.

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Butcher c Healy b Kasprowicz (16min, 13 balls, 2 fours)	8
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath (10min, 4 balls)	2
†A J Stewart c Elliott b Gillespie (51min, 33 balls, 3 fours)	18
N Hussain c Healy b Warne (440min, 337 balls, 38 fours)	207
G P Thorpe c Bevan b McGrath (294min, 245 balls, 19 fours)	138
J P Crawley c Healy b Kasprowicz (19min, 14 balls)	1
M A Ealham not out (172min, 131 balls, 7 fours)	53
R D B Croft c Healy b Kasprowicz (70min, 56 balls, 4 fours)	24
D Gough c Healy b Kasprowicz (9min, 9 balls)	0
A R Caddick lbw b Bevan (11min, 7 balls)	0
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 1, nb 15)	27
Total (9 wkts dec, 138.4 overs, 550min)	478

D E Malcolm did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Butcher 4), 2-16 (Stewart 4), 3-50 (Hussain 18), 4-338 (Hussain 158), 5-345 (Hussain 164), 6-416 (Ealham 19), 7-460 (Ealham 36), 8-463 (Ealham 38), 9-478 (Ealham 53)

BOWLING: McGrath 32-8-107-2 (nb 6; 15 fours; 5-2-14-1, 2-0-13-0, 7-1-30-0, 7-2-20-0, 7-2-24-1, 4-1-6-0); Kasprowicz 39-8-113-4 (nb 7, w 1, 16 fours, 7-0-24-1, 4-1-12-0, 4-2-2-0, 14-4-37-1, 10-1-38-2), Gillespie 10-1-48-1 (nb 1; 8 fours: 5-1-22-1, 5-0-26-0); Warne 35-8-110-1 (nb 1; 17 fours: 3-1-12-0, 15-2-55-0, 6-2-14-0, 11-3-29-1); Bevan 10.4-0-44-1 (8 fours: 2-0-10-0, 3-0-20-0, 5 4-0-14-1); S R Waugh 12-2-45-0 (nb 2; 9 fours; 1-1-0-0, 7-1-30-0, 4-0-15-0)

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings

M T G Elliott b Croft (146min, 113 balls, 12 fours)	66
*M A Taylor c and b Croft (398min, 296 balls, 1 six, 13 fours)	129
G S Blewett c Butcher b Croft (303min, 228 balls, 1 six, 19 fours)	125
S R Waugh lbw b Gough (137min, 101 balls, 2 fours)	33
M G Bevan c Hussain b Gough (44min, 41 balls, 5 fours)	24
M E Waugh c Stewart b Gough (8min, 7 balls)	1
†I A Healy c Atherton b Ealham (67min, 46 balls, 5 fours)	30
S K Warne c and b Ealham (51min, 34 balls, 5 fours)	32
M S Kasprowicz c Butcher b Ealham (2min, 2 balls)	0
J N Gillespie run out (Crawley/Gough) (11min, 6 balls)	0
G D McGrath not out (1min, 0 balls)	0
Extras (b 18, lb 12, w 2, nb 5)	37
Total (144.4 overs, 589min)	477

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133 (Taylor 66), 2-327 (Blewett 106), 3-354 (S R Waugh 8), 4-393 (S R Waugh 19), 5-399 (S R Waugh 24), 6-431 (Healy 20), 7-465 (Warne 24), 8-465 (Warne 24), 9-477 (Warne 32).

BOWLING: Gough 35-7-123-3 (nb 4, 19 fours, 5-0-16-0, 11-5-29-0, 3-1-6-0, 3-0-19-0, 4-0-17-0, 9-1-34-3); Malcolm 21-6-52-0 (7 fours, 5-3-11-0, 5-0-14-0, 5-1-16-0, 6-2-11-0); Croft 43-10-125-3 (w 2; 1 six, 18 fours; 6-1-27-0, 13-4-38-1, 3-1-5-0, 18-4-46-2, 3-0-9-0), Caddick 30-6-87-0 (nb 2; 12 fours, 7-0-22-0, 9-3-19-0, 3-0-12-0, 6-3-17-0, 3-0-8-0, 2-0-9-0); Ealham 15.4-3-60-3 (1 six, 5 fours, 7-1-32-0, 6-1-18-0, 2.4-1-10-3)

ENGLAND: Second Innings

M A Butcher lbw b Kasprowicz (14min, 10 balls, 2 fours)	14
*M A Atherton not out (87min, 65 balls, 9 fours)	57
†A J Stewart not out (72min, 54balls, 7 fours)	40
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (1 wkt, 21.3 overs, 87min)	119

FALL OF WICKET: 1-29 (Atherton 11)

BOWLING: McGrath 7-1-42-0 (8 fours; 4-1-21-0, 3-0-21-0); Kasprowicz 7-0-42-1 (7 fours; 3-0-21-1, 4-0-21-0); Warne 7.3-0-27-0 (3 fours; one spell)

England won by nine wickets

Match award: N Hussain.

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey. Third umpire: J W Holder. Match referee: R S Madugalle (Sri Lanka).

TESTS TO COME: Second (Lord's) June 19-23. Third (Old Trafford) July 3-7. Fourth (Headingley): July 24-28. Fifth (Trent Bridge): August 7-11. Sixth (The Oval) August 21-25.

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Taylor answers leading questions

John Woodcock on the rehabilitation of Australia's beleaguered captain

Only the most jaundiced of Englishmen could not have been pleased for Mark Taylor at Edgbaston over the weekend. After all that he has been through, and the pressure to which he was subjected, his 129 in Australia's second innings was a heroic effort.

He saved his own neck, if not his side's, and he did it without any show of triumphalism. As captains' innings go it must rank with the very best. Not even Allan Border in his 93 Tests in charge played a better one for Australia.

All the criticism of Taylor in the past month or so has seemed to me to be out of place. That his run of poor form was unsettling the Australia party became fairly clear, but it was the selectors who chose him, not the captain himself, who should have been the target of the critics.

Now theirs and the captain's agony is over. Taylor is good for Test cricket. We shall have to forgive him his gum chewing, manic as it is, for in other ways he has a generosity and level-headedness that it is not easy to maintain at this level, whether under fire from the press or in adversity in the middle. He is not quite a great player, but he is a very good and stubborn one, and only five Australians — Border, Boon, Greg Chappell, Bradman and Harvey — have scored more than Taylor's 15 Test hundreds.

The game is fortunate at the moment in its Test captains. Getting things into perspective presents a considerable challenge, and without exception they seem to be pretty good at it. When Brian Lara's turn comes, it will be especially difficult for him with expectations so high in the West Indies and without the truly penetrating attack that Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards enjoyed during their captaincy; but that is in the future. At the moment, Atherton and Taylor are showing the way.

On the Edgbaston pitch as it played, it was extraordinary that there should have been two such large totals and four such very fine individual hundreds as Thorpe's, Hussain's, Taylor's and Blewett's. The bounce was inconsistent enough, certainly at one end, for Ambrose, Walsh and Bishop, as they bowled there two years ago, to have collected a quiverful of broken fingers.

It says wonders for the dexterity of Taylor and Blewett that they were not nailed by Caddick, Gough or Malcolm. Blewett's was a classical innings. He has come on a lot since I saw him make a hundred in his first Test match, against England at Adelaide two years ago, and he needs to have done to keep the likes of Ponting, Slater and Stuart Law from claiming his place in the team.

No praise can be too high, also, for the way that Hussain and Thorpe batted in their great partnership in England's first innings. Many were surprised, I think, that they had it in them to play so well at such a critical time. Certainly many Australians were.

One or two innings that Hussain played in the Benson and Hedges Cup for the Combined Universities when he was at Durham signalled a rare talent, but that was ten years ago, so this double hundred is really a late flourishing. It has given him a lot to live up to.

The way that Thorpe and Hussain wrested the initiative was so splendid. They had done it by the time Australia lost Gillespie with a pulled hamstring, and it meant that McGrath was given little chance to settle into the required English length, which, for a bowler of his pace, is usually a yard or so farther up from what it is in Australia. Alec Bedser will say that, for an Englishman going to Australia and an Australian coming to England, finding the right length should be instinctive; but it does not come as easily as that to everyone.

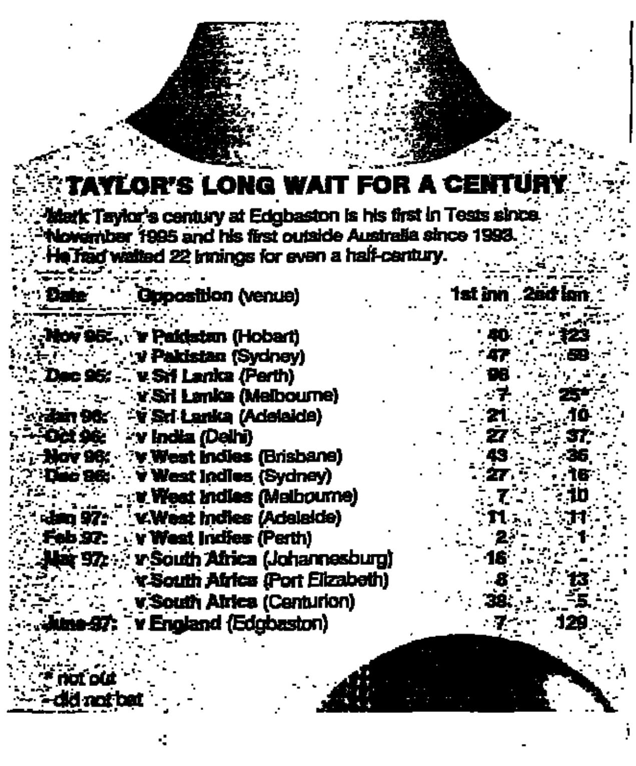
In the past eight months, too, McGrath has played Test or one-day international cricket on 23 different grounds in four different countries, but he will be back in the groove soon enough. England may be sure of that. So, I expect, will Warne, who had the look in this match of someone dispossessed or, at any rate, disaffected.

Thorpe's success points again to the value of the left-handed batsman, especially against a wrist-spinner of the calibre of Warne. England selection committees have tended to underestimate this, I think, for some years now. England would much rather not have had to bowl to two left-handers at the start of Australia's second innings on Saturday.

Australia, in fact, and Pakistan seldom have a side without two or three left-handers in it, and many of the best West Indians — Sobers, Lloyd, Lara and Fredericks among them — have stood that way round.

The Englishman whom the great Bill O'Reilly least liked bowling his leg breaks and googlies to was not Walter Hammond, but Maurice Leyland, the little Yorkshire left-hander, who averaged 56 against Australia when O'Reilly and/or Grimmett were playing.

More recently, of the 20 hundreds made for England against Australia, 12 have come from the small left-handed minority. So, it is good that Mark Butcher is of that breed, and also Nick Knight, who might have been playing in this match if Butcher were not.



TAYLOR'S LONG WAIT FOR A CENTURY

Mark Taylor's century at Edgbaston is his first in Tests since November 1995 and his first outside Australia since 1993. He had waited 22 innings for even a half-century.

Date	Opposition (venue)	1st inn	2nd inn
Nov 95:	v Pakistan (Hobart)	40	123
	v Pakistan (Sydney)	47	59
Dec 95:	v Sri Lanka (Perth)	96	
	v Sri Lanka (Melbourne)	7	25*
Jan 96:	v Sri Lanka (Adelaide)	21	10
Oct 96:	v India (Delhi)	27	37
Nov 96:	v West Indies (Brisbane)	43	36
Dec 96:	v West Indies (Sydney)	27	16
	v West Indies (Melbourne)	7	10
Jan 97:	v West Indies (Adelaide)	11	11
Feb 97:	v West Indies (Perth)	2	1
Mar 97:	v South Africa (Johannesburg)	16	-
	v South Africa (Port Elizabeth)	8	13
	v South Africa (Centurion)	38	5
June 97:	v England (Edgbaston)	7	129

* not out
- did not bat

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Gloucestershire in bloom after uncertain spring

ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

The notion that Gloucestershire might win the county championship is, of course, ludicrous. Everyone says as much. After all, they were last the leading county in the days of W. G. Grace, when the opposition was a shade thinner than today and Grace was not above kidnapping the odd Australian to assist the county cause.

If history is not enough to deride the idea, how about ability? There are only two Test cricketers on the county staff this year, and one of those, David Lawrence, is embarked on a barely believable comeback. Most of the rest are names known only to annual members.

Yet, for all these dismissive arguments, today there will be those in Bristol, let alone in Charlton Kings and Chipping Sodbury, who are wondering why not. Leicestershire won the title last year and they were scarcely fashionable. Why not Gloucestershire?

Back in the 1870s, Gloucestershire were so powerful that they tended to beat the full England XI. They were an entirely amateur side until Grace acquired the services of the Australian. Billy Midwinter, who might be thought the pioneer of the trade in overseas players.

Grace had to go to some lengths to keep his new signing. In 1878, Midwinter was part of the Australia tour party preparing for a match at Lord's when the good doctor, so legend has it, arrived to reclaim his man. Midwinter was hustled into a carriage and driven across London to play for Gloucestershire at the Oval instead.

No such dubious deeds were perpetrated on the present Australians at Edgbaston this weekend, and none were necessary as the 1997 Gloucestershire efficiently saw off Yorkshire.

This third win of the season, a figure it took them until August to achieve last year, carried Gloucestershire five points clear of the chasing pack with almost a third of the season gone. Early days, of course, with the weather cruel and form confusing, but there has been something to admire about the way this utterly unfancied side has gone about its cricket.

Not least of Gloucestershire's achievements has been to overcome a messy spring, in which the captaincy stood uncomfortably vacant. With Courtney Walsh ruled out because of West Indies commitments and Jack Russell declining to resume the job on the terms offered, the season was only weeks away before Mark Alleyne was installed.

Alleyne has plainly learnt from the recent examples of both Walsh and Russell and has fostered a team spirit that compensates for much. There may be no great glamour or accomplishment within the team but, as Leicestershire, and Warwickshire before them, have proved, this is no bar to success.

> 'There is an impression of an order held together with sticking plaster'

Shaun Young may be no Billy Midwinter, and he did not come close to selection in the Australian Ashes party, but he has made useful runs and taken regular wickets. He can swing the ball, which will guarantee him some good returns at this level, as Mike Smith knows well.

Saturday was special for Smith. He was born in Dewsbury and played age-group cricket for Yorkshire before moving west to seek a regular first-team place. As recently as 1993 he was close to retiring, believing he could go no further in the game, but a strengthening of mental resolve, as much as physical build, transformed him.

Smith is now the most effective left-arm swing bowler in the country and, if he can overcome a selectorial prejudice against his lack of outright pace, may yet find himself making his Test debut before the summer is out. For now, though, he will be content with taking ten wickets against his native county and improving his season's aggregate to 33 at 15 apiece.

Eventually, it will probably be the batting that lets Gloucestershire down. They have made competitive totals but there is still an impression of an order held together with sticking plaster. If it holds for another month, however, the Cheltenham festival will be more bounteous than usual.

Third in the table this morning lie Nottinghamshire, which, if anything, is more of a surprise than Gloucestershire being top. Nottinghamshire have sometimes looked dreadful this season but they have a spirit that has been missing for some years and they are, at last, pushing their youngsters. Usman Afzaal was the first to respond and, on Saturday, Matt Dowman, going in first, where he belongs, made a timely century.

Dowman's runs led his side to victory over Northamptonshire, who find themselves propping up the table. Only just above them, Surrey, Derbyshire and Lancashire make up a quartet of apparently resourceful counties finding championship form elusive. At Surrey, especially, there will be rising concern after the latest, resounding, defeat by Essex.

Derbyshire were beaten by Hampshire, which takes some doing. The first victory of the summer for John Stephenson's threadbare side was claimed through a long run chase on a blissful pitch. Almost inevitably, Matthew Hayden made another century.

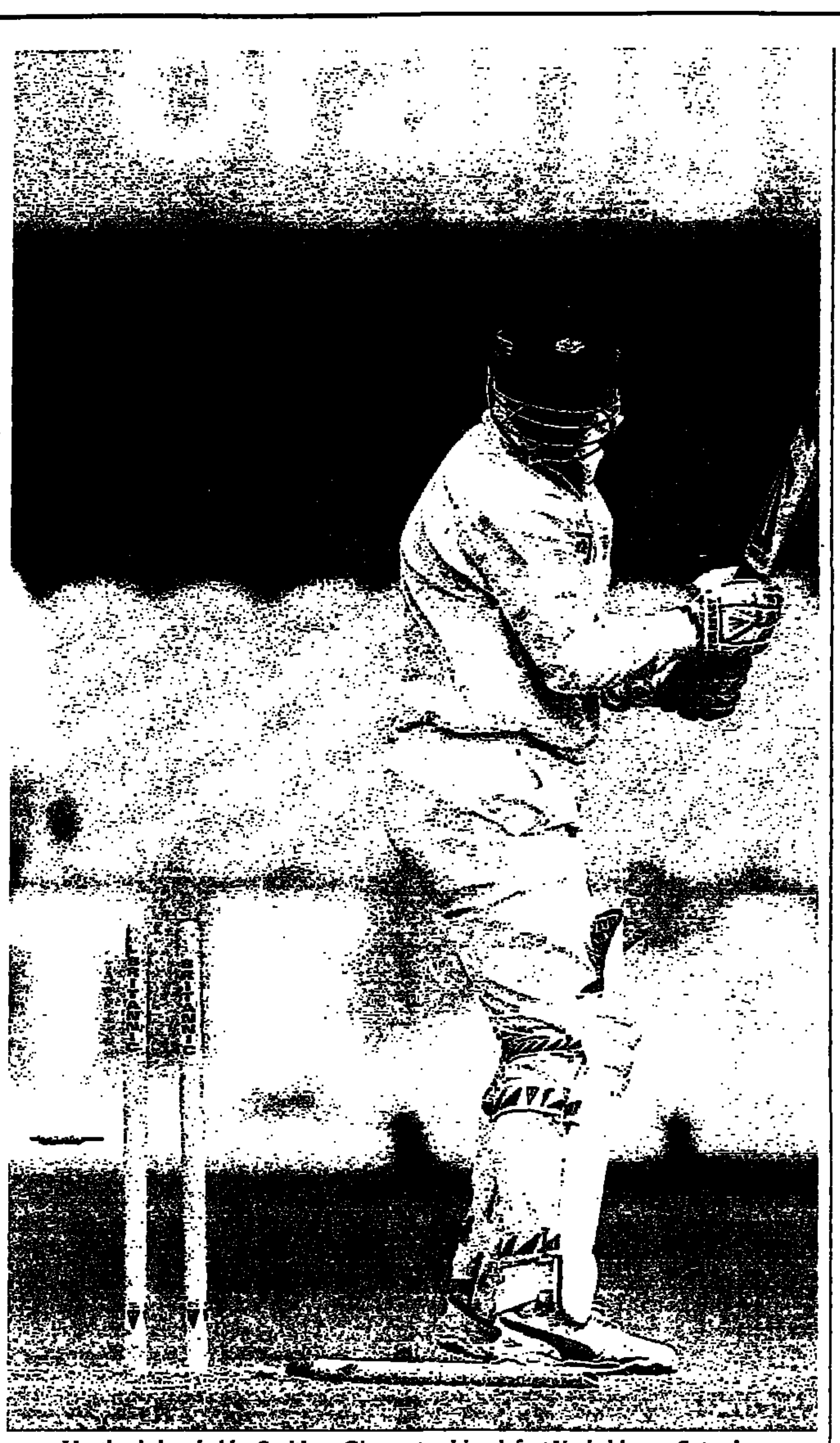
It was his fourth in eight days, during which he has totalled 654 runs. If a certain left-handed compatriot had not, simultaneously, been making a century of his own at Edgbaston, Hayden might have been harbouring realistic hopes of a belated call into the Australian party. As it is, like Billy Midwinter, he must make do with parading his talents on the county circuit.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Gloucs (13)	5	3	0	2	12	20	86
Kent (4)	5	3	1	1	10	20	81
Notts (17)	6	3	1	2	5	21	80
Middlesex (9)	5	2	1	2	13	20	71
Glamorgan (10)	5	2	0	3	13	17	71
Leics (1)	6	1	0	5	15	24	70
Essex (5)	5	2	1	2	10	20	68
Somerset (11)	6	1	1	4	14	23	65
Yorkshire (6)	5	2	2	1	8	18	61
Warwicks (8)	5	2	1	2	7	13	58
Hampshire (14)	6	1	2	3	16	14	55
Worcs (7)	4	0	0	4	13	13	43
Durham (18)	6	0	2	4	12	19	43
Sussex (12)	5	0	1	4	11	18	41
Lancashire (15)	5	0	2	3	10	14	33
Surrey (3)	5	0	2	3	7	16	32
Derbyshire (2)	5	0	3	2	8	18	32
Northants (16)	5	0	2	3	7	15	31

(Last year's positions in brackets)

☐ Worcestershire's record includes eight points as side batting last in match where scores finished level



Hartley is bowled by Smith as Gloucestershire defeat Yorkshire on Saturday

Patient Wagh doubles profit

By Barney Spender

MARK WAGH, the Oxford captain, achieved a notable double on Saturday when he scored his second hundred of the match against Glamorgan to lead the University to their first win over a county side for four years.

Wagh, the only Blue from last year, produced a fine 101 to follow his first innings of 116 as Oxford, chasing 276 in what turned out to be 58 overs, sneaked home by five wickets with one ball to spare. He was dismissed, caught behind by Adrian Shaw off Darren Thomas, with 49 still needed, but Chetan Patel saw them home, finishing on 63 not out.

It was their first win over Glamorgan since 1930 and their first against a county since Jason Gallian's side beat Nottinghamshire in 1993. The victory sets them up nicely for the Varsity match at Lord's next month.

Wagh, a psychology student at Keble College, is a tall, right-handed batsman who doubles as a tidy off spin bowler. He is on Warwickshire's books and looks likely to make his county debut later in the summer. Last year he failed to capitalise on several good starts, but, given the captaincy this season, he has flourished to the extent that he was drafted into the British Universities squad for the Benson and Hedges Cup after originally missing out because of injury.

His first-innings century against Glamorgan was the first of his career and reflected both the aggressive and patient sides of his nature. After scoring his first fifty from 47 balls, with 12 fours, he refused to give it away and took another 116 balls to reach his hundred.

"Mark is a very talented player. As a batsman he has got all the shots and is learning how to pace himself and play the long innings," Andy Flower, Oxford's Zimbabwean coach, said.

"His future depends on his mental strength but judging by what I have seen this season that should not present a problem. I think Warwickshire have made a very good signing."

Rollins and Blackwell steady the ship for Derbyshire

By Richard Hobson

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by four wickets (D/L method)

DERBYSHIRE steadied themselves after a wobble in mid-innings to record their first win of the season in the Axa Life League. Chasing 181 for victory, the target swelled by the unfathomable Duckworth/Lewis system by 11 runs in a rain-affected game, they triumphed with five balls to spare.

Not since May 6 have they beaten county opposition in any competition hitherto. However, Rollins and Blackwell, born within sight of the famous crooked spire here 19 years ago tomorrow, encountered few difficulties as they reconstructed the innings and took their side to within 12 runs of the points.

Barnett, having become the first batsman to score 50 hundreds for Derbyshire on Saturday, added 65 in 12 overs with Jones for the second wicket. Jones drove to mid-wicket, Barnett fell leg-before to a ball turning into his pads and Clarke spooned a simple catch to mid-on during a three-over period as Derbyshire slipped to 111 for four. Rollins and Blackwell gradually reclaimed the initiative in compiling 58 in nine overs.

Despite proceeding at four runs per over, there was a listless air about a Hampshire top order deprived of Hayden to a minor knee ailment.

DeFreitas deserved more than two wickets for a spell in which both openers drove frequently at swinging balls outside the off stump without making contact. Both eventually fell to their tormentor, offering catches to Evans at slip, attempting to locate the third man boundary, before Aldred removed Smith and Keech; Kendall fell leg-before on the back foot to Clarke.

Brief but heavy rain then caused an overall deduction of 14 overs. Jones, the Derbyshire captain, assisted in removing the advertising boards to clear the passage for the covers and, when his side removed Udal and Mascarenhas inside two overs of the restart, he was entitled to consider his toils worthwhile.

Certainly, his mind might have been elsewhere when he entrusted the penultimate over to Roberts, a slow left-arm bowler of limited experience. Stephenson duly collected 18 runs, including a straight six, and the 47 that he added with Renshaw at the end of the innings gave Hampshire 170 for seven, a reasonable chance of earning a second win of the weekend.

Sussex left to count the cost of scoring system

By Derek Hodgson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Sussex won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Sussex by 62 runs (D/L method)

SUSSEX'S reply, chasing a target of 217, was interrupted by a heavy downpour, which arrived in the tenth over with their score 39 for 4. As Durham had scored 34 for 1 in their first ten overs, under the old Sunday rules, Sussex would have won. Under the new system — known to the players as "Vera Duckworth" but to the England and Wales Cricket Board as the Duckworth/Lewis method and calculated on average scores, overs bowled, and overs remaining — life is less simple.

David Constant and Chris Balderstone, the umpires, ordered another four overs to be bowled.

Sussex were furious — Peter Moores, the captain, having already rung the Board to question the decision to play on in heavy rain — when they found that their target would be 80 runs off 24 balls, the total having increased with every wicket they lost. The Board can expect the Sussex chairman, Robin Marlar, to be making a gentle enquiry this morning.

In the earlier sunshine, Sussex had spilt down the pavilion steps in their custard costumes looking, at a distance, as amiable as a bunch of bananas. In Paul Jarvis's absence through injury they recalled James Kirtley, who is still bowling his way back to fitness. It was Kirtley who struck first, courtesy of Martin Speight's cut at a widish, lifting ball.

John Morris, in form, was steaming along when he went to drive Keith Newell off the back foot and was bowled. David Boon was solid but lost Nick Speak in a misunderstanding. His next partner, Jon Lewis, proved to be the man for the hour. Both raised their best Sunday scores for Durham, Boon with 76 off 84 balls and Lewis with 69.

Sussex were left 217 but a huge black cloud was already looming. Needing quick runs, Bill Athey was run out, by a long throw from Paul Collingwood, and Neil Taylor, aiming to pick up Simon Brown, was caught at short mid-wicket.

Boon hastened the bowling of the requisite ten overs as the first raindrops fell. Rajesh Rao was caught behind and as James Boiling completed the tenth over, in a torrent, Keith Greenfield was picked up at square leg. The crowd were left drenched and bewildered; Durham's Fun Day ended in farce.

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SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Hampshire

CHESTERFIELD (final day of four): Hampshire (23pts) beat Derbyshire (6) by seven wickets

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 523 (A S Rollins 210, P Aldred 83, C J Adams 79; S J Renshaw 5 for 110).

Second Innings

K J Barnett run out	101
A S Rollins c Aymes b Renshaw	51
C J Adams c Hayden b Renshaw	15
*D M Jones st Aymes b Udal	5
V P Clarke not out	18
P A J DeFreitas not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 6, nb 4)	18
Total (4 wkts dec)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-147, 3-166, 4-200.

BOWLING: Renshaw 17-1-80-2; Stephenson 6-0-34-0, Udal 15-1-63-1, Bovill 6-0-23-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 422 for 7 dec (R A Smith 154, J S Laney 61, K D James 51)

Second Innings

J S Laney b Harris	93
M L Hayden not out	136
R A Smith c Jones b Dean	52
S D Udal c Rollins b Dean	4
K D James not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 14)	24
Total (3 wkts)	310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-213, 2-301, 3-309

BOWLING: DeFreitas 18-1-76-0, Harris 12-0-81-1, Dean 15.5-0-86-2; Clarke 6-0-43-0, Aldred 4-0-16-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and G Sharp

Durham v Sussex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of four): Durham (10pts) drew with Sussex (11)

SUSSEX: First Innings 373 (N J Lenham 93, P Moores 60; S J E Brown 5 for 115)

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Boon b Walker	6
K Greenfield c Speight b Brown	0
N R Taylor c Speight b Walker	109
C W J Athey lbw b Brown	50
K Newell c Speak b Betts	28
M Newell c Roseberry b Walker	6
*†P Moores c Speight b Walker	26
V C Drakes lbw b Walker	2
P W Jarvis c Saggers b Brown	10
A A Khan c Saggers b Walker	20
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 4)	14
Total	271

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-19, 3-161, 4-178, 5-208, 6-208, 7-208, 8-235, 9-270

BOWLING: Brown 23-2-78-3, Betts 18-2-61-1; Walker 26.3-4-68-6; Foster 8-1-43-0, Saggers 8-3-19-0

DURHAM: First Innings 338 (J J B Lewis 89, M J Foster 56; V C Drakes 4 for 90)

Second Innings

J J B Lewis b Drakes	14
M A Roseberry lbw b Drakes	1
J E Morris c Drakes b Khan	124
N J Speak b Khan	9
*D C Boon lbw b Robinson	26
†M P Speight run out	29
M J Foster b Khan	7
M M Betts c Moores b Drakes	3
M J Saggers not out	10
S J E Brown not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 30)	42
Total (8 wkts)	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-38, 3-77, 4-134, 5-210, 6-230, 7-241, 8-253

BOWLING: Drakes 26-4-93-3; Robinson 19.5-4-47-1; Khan 37-6-117-3

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D J Constant.

Kent v Warwickshire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (final day of four). Kent (23pts) beat Warwickshire (6) by four wickets

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 314 (T L Penney 84, J B D Thompson 5 for 89)

Second Innings

*N V Knight c Fulton b Phillips	30
N M K Smith b Phillips	14
D L Hemp c Llong b Strang	117
T L Penney c Strang b Phillips	9
D P Ostler c Marsh b Strang	19
D R Brown c Llong b Thompson	0
A J Moles c Fulton b Fleming	12
G Welch c Ward b Strang	40
†T Frost c Marsh b Thompson	2
M D Edmond c Fulton b Thompson	9
G C Small not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 10)	26
Total	280

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-100, 3-118, 4-175, 5-176, 6-212, 7-250, 8-254, 9-266.

BOWLING: Thompson 25-6-48-3; Phillips 12-2-48-3, Fleming 20-7-43-1, Strang 38.2-10-109-3, Llong 4-2-16-0

KENT: First Innings 379 (D P Fulton 73, A P Wells 70, J B D Thompson 59 not out)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Ostler b Edmond	46
M J Walker c Penney b Smith	14
T R Ward b Smith	11
A P Wells not out	62
N J Llong c Knight b Welch	5
M V Fleming b Smith	33
P A Strang c Edmond b Smith	1
*†S A Marsh not out	34
Extras (lb 4, nb 6)	10
Total (6 wkts)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-63, 3-81, 4-101, 5-150, 6-158

BOWLING: Brown 6-1-34-0, Welch 19-2-67-1; Smith 27.5-5-68-4, Edmond 10-0-43-1

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (11pts) drew with Leicestershire (9)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 280 (J J Whitaker 110; A R C Fraser 6 for 77)

Second Innings

V J Wells c Ramprakash b Tufnell	224
D L Maddy c Ramprakash b Tufnell	103
A Habib c Kallis b Tufnell	13
N C Johnson lbw b Hewitt	17
A R K Pierson b Johnson	9
*J J Whitaker c Brown b Gatting	41
†P A Nixon not out	19
G J Parsons c Brown b Ramprakash	0
A D Mullally not out	0
Extras (b 10, lb 12, w 12, nb 2)	36
Total (7 wkts dec)	482

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-173, 2-191, 3-220, 4-236, 5-337, 6-462, 7-462.

BOWLING: Fraser 23-6-60-0; Hewitt 17-2-64-1; Weekes 24-0-97-0, Tufnell 46-15-92-3, Johnson 12-2-51-1; Ramprakash 6.2-1-30-1; Gatting 7-1-46-1

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 395 (M R Ramprakash 97, M W Gatting 94, J C Pooley 55; G J Parsons 4 for 22)

Umpires: V A Holder and A Clarkson

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four). Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Northamptonshire (5) by three wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 235 (D Ripley 77, M N Bowen 5 for 57)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Archer b Astle	14
M B Loye b Astle	26
*R J Bailey not out	117
K M Curran c Astle b Bowen	23
T C Walton c Tolley b Bowen	42
D J G Sales b Bowen	0
J N Snape c and b Bowen	66
†D Ripley not out	39
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 2)	10
Total (6 wkts dec)	337

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-40, 3-88, 4-144, 5-144, 6-264

BOWLING: Bowen 25.3-2-128-4; Pick 23-4-85-0; Astle 16-4-33-2, Tolley 11-0-47-0; Bates 6-0-22-0, Afzaal 5-0-14-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 272 (W M Noon 83, K M Curran 4 for 61)

Second Innings

G E Welton c Ripley b Taylor	0
M P Dowman b Taylor	111
U Afzaal c Montgomerie b Taylor	11
N J Astle c Ripley b Taylor	64
*P Johnson c Walton b Taylor	57
G F Archer c Snape b Taylor	4
C M Tolley c and b Taylor	20
†W M Noon not out	9
R T Bates not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 4, nb 4)	23
Total (7 wkts)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-43, 3-199, 4-200, 5-204, 6-256, 7-297

BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 16-4-66-0; Taylor 25-5-87-7, Emburey 21.3-8-67-0; Curran 6-1-32-0, Snape 8-0-34-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Harris

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL (final day of four): Essex (23pts) beat Surrey (6) by 147 runs

ESSEX: First Innings 347 (D D J Robinson 98, R J Rollins 58). Second Innings 302 (A P Grayson 105, G A Gooch 56)

SURREY: First Innings 280 (A D Brown 109, A P Cowan 5 for 58)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Rollins b Irani	34
G J Kennis c Robinson b Cowan	0
J D Ratcliffe c Cowan b D R Law	53
†J A Knott c S G Law b Cowan	6
N Shahid lbw b Irani	11
B C Hollioake c Rollins b Such	72
*C C Lewis c Peters b Cowan	8
I D K Salisbury st Rollins b Such	6
A J Tudor not out	7
J E Benjamin c S G Law b Irani	9
A D Brown absent injured	0
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 2, nb 2)	18
Total	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-61, 3-77, 4-95, 5-150, 6-164, 7-200, 8-203, 9-222

BOWLING: Ilott 2-1-2-0; Cowan 18-2-75-3, D R Law 11-3-20-1, Irani 23.2-8-51-3; Such 18-3-40-2, S G Law 7-2-20-0

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

HEADINGLEY (final day of four) Gloucestershire (21pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by 164 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 205 (M A Lynch 60). Second Innings 388 (A J Wright 79, Lynch 64, M W Alleyne 52)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 183 (R J Blakey 51 not out, A M Smith 6 for 58)

Second Innings

M D Moxon lbw b Smith	63
*D Byas b Young	22
D S Lehmann lbw b Young	10
B Parker c Russell b Young	64
C White lbw b Smith	37
†R J Blakey c Cunliffe b Young	11
P J Hartley b Smith	10
G M Hamilton not out	10
C E W Silverwood run out	2
R D Stemp b Smith	6
M P Vaughan absent injured	0
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 2)	11
Total	246

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-90, 3-104, 4-194, 5-212, 6-224, 7-232, 8-238, 9-246

BOWLING: Smith 20.4-7-74-4, Lewis 9-3-22-0; Young 21-9-41-4, Alleyne 13-0-55-0, Ball 10-2-32-0, Hancock 3-2-13-0, Trainor 2-1-4-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty

University match

Oxford University v Glamorgan

THE PARKS (final day of three). Oxford University beat Glamorgan by five wickets

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 422 for 2 dec (M J Powell 200 not out, G P Butcher 101 not out, P A Cottey 83)

Second Innings

†A D Shaw c Fulton b Battarbee	37
A W Evans c Morgan b Patel	16
W L Law not out	38
S D Thomas not out	17
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 18)	29
Total (2 wkts dec)	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-91.

BOWLING: Avens 6-2-19-0; Battarbee 15.4-1-57-1; Patel 4-0-26-1, Byrne 6-1-24-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 284 for 9 dec (M A Wagh 116, P G Morgan 63, S D Thomas 5 for 95)

Second Innings

R D Hudson retired hurt	22
B W Byrne run out	15
*M A Wagh c Shaw b Thomas	101
J A G Fulton c Thomas b Butcher	0
P G Morgan c Warren b Cosker	25
C Patel not out	63
L G Buchanan lbw b Cosker	0
J M M Avens not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 16, w 12, nb 7)	36
Total (5 wkts)	278

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-81, 3-159, 4-237, 5-238

BOWLING: Thomas 20-1-74-2, Butcher 11-2-52-1, Cosker 17.5-4-89-2; Warren 5-2-15-0, Edwards 4-0-31-0

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons

One-day international

West Indies v Sri Lanka

PORT OF SPAIN (Sri Lanka won toss): West Indies beat Sri Lanka by 35 runs

WEST INDIES

S C Williams c Liyanage b Jayasuriya	91
†J R Murray c Muralitharan b S C de Silva	2
F A Rose c Dharmasena b P A de Silva	7
B C Lara c Liyanage b Jayasuriya	58
C L Hooper c Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	25
F L Reifer c Atapattu b Jayasuriya	9
R I C Holder not out	41
L R Williams c Dharmasena b Jayasuriya	14
C E L Ambrose not out	9
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 3)	17
Total (7 wkts, 49 overs)	283

D Ramnarine and *C A Walsh did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-48, 3-170, 4-184, 5-211, 6-220, 7-254

BOWLING: Liyanage 9-1-36-0; S C de Silva 7-0-58-1; P A de Silva 3-0-20-1; Muralitharan 10-1-58-0, Dharmasena 10-0-42-0, Jayasuriya 10-0-58-5.

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c S C Williams b L R Williams	44
M S Atapattu c Hooper b Walsh	1
P A de Silva c Hooper b Ambrose	7
*A Ranatunga c Ambrose b Ramnarine	53
H P Tillekeratne c Reifer b L R Williams	2
R S Mahanama c Rose b Ramnarine	14
†R S Kaluwitharana b Hooper	9
H D P K Dharmasena not out	51
D K Liyanage c and b L R Williams	43
M Muralitharan not out	5
Extras (lb 9, w 8, nb 2)	19
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-19, 3-39, 4-89, 5-118, 6-138, 7-150, 8-241.

BOWLING: Ambrose 7-1-19-1, Walsh 8-1-27-1, L R Williams 8-0-58-3; Rose 6-0-45-0, Hooper 10-1-40-1; Ramnarine 10-0-52-2

Umpires: L R Barker and E G Nicholls

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: six completed innings

		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
1	H Morris (Glamorgan)	5	7	1	583	233*	97.16	2	2
2	E T Smith (Cambridge Univ)	5	8	2	515	190	85.83	1	3
3	M L Hayden (Hampshire)	6	11	3	686	235*	85.75	3	1
4	S P James (Glamorgan)	5	7	0	573	153	81.85	2	4
5	M R Ramprakash (Middx)	6	8	1	540	145	77.14	3	2
6	G D Lloyd (Lancashire)	5	9	1	594	225	74.25	3	2
7	M W Gatting (Middlesex)	6	8	1	475	160*	67.85	2	1
8	C W J Athey (Sussex)	5	9	2	462	138*	66.00	1	3
9	S G Law (Essex)	5	9	1	510	118*	63.75	1	4
10	D L Hemp (Warwickshire)	6	10	2	488	138	61.00	3	—
11	R J Harden (Somerset)	5	8	2	359	136*	59.83	2	1
12	G D Rose (Somerset)	6	7	1	347	191	57.83	2	—
13	B Parker (Yorkshire)	6	10	2	449	138*	56.12	1	2
14	R C Russell (Gloucs)	6	7	1	336	91*	56.00	—	4
15	R A Smith (Hampshire)	5	9	0	484	154	53.77	1	3
16	K Newell (Sussex)	5	9	2	371	112	53.00	2	—
17	V J Wells (Leicestershire)	7	12	0	635	224	52.91	2	3
18	R J Bailey (Northants)	6	10	1	470	117*	52.22	2	2
19	D S Lehmann (Yorkshire)	5	9	0	470	177	52.22	1	3
20	J E Morris (Durham)	7	12	1	567	149	51.54	2	1

* denotes not out

Bowling

Qualification: ten wickets

		O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
1	P J Newport (Worcs)	92.2	30	200	14	14.28	7-37	1	—
2	A M Smith (Gloucs)	195.5	54	491	33	14.87	6-45	2	2
3	B J Phillips (Kent)	77.5	23	207	13	15.92	5-47	1	—
4	R D B Croft (Glamorgan)	131	36	324	18	18.00	5-33	1	—
5	S K Warne (Australia)	72.2	15	245	13	18.84	7-103	1	—
6	J P Hewitt (Middlesex)	168	44	474	25	18.96	5-59	1	—
7	D R Brown (Warwickshire)	155.3	40	456	24	19.00	5-106	1	—
8	D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	193.5	31	652	34	19.17	6-74	3	1
9	A A Donald (Warwickshire)	101.4	29	212	11	19.27	4-55	—	—
10	M N Bowen (Notts)	229	61	636	32	19.87	7-75	3	1
11	M J McCague (Kent)	159.2	30	547	27	20.25	7-82	3	—
12	D Gough (Yorkshire)	114.5	26	408	20	20.40	5-56	2	—
13	P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)	171.5	63	329	16	20.56	4-64	—	—
14	J P Taylor (Northants)	167.4	41	473	23	20.56	7-87	1	1
15	G D Rose (Somerset)	139	42	361	17	21.23	3-35	—	—
16	A P Cowan (Essex)	162.5	51	427	20	21.35	5-49	2	—
17	P M Such (Essex)	225.5	62	560	26	21.53	6-55	3	1
18	A Sheriyar (Worcestershire)	143	37	412	19	21.68	5-54	1	—
19	M W Alleyne (Gloucs)	111.4	32	330	15	22.00	6-64	1	—
20	D J Millns (Leicestershire)	144.3	31	420	19	22.10	4-64	—	—

☐ *Source: ECB/PA Cricket Record*

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CRICKET

Yorkshire's bowlers cruelly used by Young

By Michael Austin

HEADINGLEY (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 44 runs (D/L method)

A MASTERFUL hundred from Shaun Young, the Tasmanian all-rounder, was not only his first for Gloucestershire in any competition. It also represented his great escape from single figures after managing a meagre 15 runs in four previous Sunday innings.

The left-hander made 146 not out, with nine fours and nine sixes, from 105 balls, to surpass by 12 runs Gloucestershire's previous highest individual Sunday score by Mark Alleyne, the present captain, against Leicestershire at Bristol five years ago.

Any resemblance between Yorkshire, hitherto second in the table, and a title-pursuing team was purely coincidental. Their bowlers, notably Gavin Hamilton, offered such a muted challenge that Young was deprived of two potential records only by a downpour that curtailed the innings.

With 32 balls still available, he was 31 runs short of beating Graham Gooch's competition best of 176 while the existing highest against Yorkshire — 155 not out by Barry Richards — for Hampshire at Hull in 1970 — was even more vividly in his sights.

Strokeplay transcended statistics with Young peppering the roof of the Yorkshire offices. His second-wicket partnership of 160 in 24 overs with Robert Cunliffe put the fielders to flight. On the rare occasions the ball passed the bat, it was almost invariably signalled as a wide.

Yorkshire dropped two catches off the unfortunate Richard Stemp, one costly and another which might have been. Richard Kettleborough, lurking for the miscued sweep, put down Cunliffe, who proceeded to double his score and make a Sunday best.

Peter Hartley also dropped a straightforward chance on the square-leg boundary offered by Monte Lynch. Five runs later, Lynch ventured a similar stroke, Hartley held the ball this time and Stemp showed justifiable ecstasy.

Young, 27 next Friday, presided over the entire innings, casting aside his previous Sunday scores of eight, two, three and two since joining the county as the overseas replacement for Courtney Walsh.

The feature of Young's innings was the ferocity of his driving. One flat, straight six off Craig White climbed barely a few feet above head height.

If Yorkshire were not traumatised by Young's blistering onslaught, they were bewildered by the bowling of Jonathan Lewis as they set off in pursuit of an adjusted target of 250 from 30 overs. He had Martyn Moxon caught at third man and bowled David Byas with that devilish instrument — a straight ball.

Tim Hancock, covering a vast tract of ground at midwicket, lunged to catch Darren Lehmann and with Bradley Parker leg-before to Michael Smith, Yorkshire were 56 for four and sinking.

Even a seventh-wicket partnership of 77 in nine overs, featuring Hartley's ebullient 46 from 26 balls, alongside Richard Blakey, who later completed a half-century only postponed the inevitable.

Weekes hits out in an opening stand with Kallis worth 85 runs for Middlesex during their defeat yesterday

Johnson and Maddy ease confusion

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets (D/L method)

FINE innings from Neil Johnson and Darren Maddy, who shared an exhilarating stand of 135 from 126 balls, gave Leicestershire an easy win with ten balls to spare in this Axa Life League match yesterday. Johnson batted throughout the innings for 80 and Maddy played elegantly for 82 from 64 balls, his fourth score of 80-plus in one-day cricket this season. Their stand apart, though, the game offered meagre fare.

Not for the first time this season, there was embarrassment and confusion over the revised target arrived at under the Duckworth/Lewis system, after a brief interruption for rain in the tenth over of the Middlesex innings. This break restricted Middlesex to 37 overs, from which they scored 196 for four.

When Johnson and Wells began the Leicestershire reply, the scoreboards gave their task as scoring 199 from the same number of overs. Several minutes later, however, the deliberations of the scorers — with whom responsbility for such matters lies — led to this being altered to 200. Still not satisfied, they then consulted Duckworth and Lewis themselves and the target was changed, for a final time, to 198.

In the event, none of this had much bearing on the outcome of the match, but it did nothing for the credibility of a system that is probably the fairest yet devised for dealing with rain breaks in one-day games. But being a fair rule and being perceived as such by players and public are two entirely different things. The fact is that some of the findings of Duckworth and Lewis appear not only incomprehensible but illogical.

The crowd was able to contemplate a more sublime partnership in Johnson and Maddy, who matched each other stroke for stroke against some ordinary bowling. Though Dutch bowled tidily, Fraser was easily the pick of the Middlesex attack and the wickets of Wells and Whitaker were no more than just reward for an excellent opening spell. Johnson and Maddy were going so well that Fraser was brought back early in a last, unsuccessful throw of the dice. Maddy drove past his outstretched hand for one imperious four.

The Middlesex innings began with a stand of 85 in 21 overs between Weekes and Kallis that was perhaps too sedate in its progress, though Millns, in particular, bowled well. Why, in view of the fact that Millns was unfit for the championship match and left the field immediately after bowling his eight overs off the reel, Ramprakash allowed Leicestershire a substitute fieldsman is anyone's guess.

Both openers were out in the same over from Dakin, Weekes to a ball that he lost sight of, and Gatting was soon leg-before to Mason. Pooley then shared bright partnerships with Ramprakash and Brown, worth 28 in five overs and 65 in six, to which smart running contributed. Pooley, who struck an unbeaten 52 from 39 balls, looks like he is starting to get back to his best.

Dominant Rose finds new ways much to his benefit

By Pat Gibson

TAUNTON (Lancashire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets (D/L method)

SOMERSET beat the rain and the unfathomable Duckworth/Lewis method for setting what is supposed to be a fair target in an interrupted match to become the first side to beat Lancashire in the Axa Life League this season.

How Somerset came to need 150 off 38 overs when the Lancashire innings had been halted at 141 for eight in 38.2 overs and then, after a further stoppage, 105 off 22 overs, only the statisticians know but they got them all the same with an over to spare.

They had initially made heavy weather of it but Rob Turner brought the target down to size with a scorching 42 off 32 balls, including four fours and a six and Graham Rose, who still has his eye on a place in England's one-day side at the age of 33, fittingly, settled the issue.

He had chosen this as his benefit match and he was to dominate it from start to finish. First he took three for 15 in his eight overs to set the standard for the Somerset bowlers; then he struck 20 off 21 balls to win the game. The crowd rewarded him with a collection of £1,685 and receipts approaching £8,000.

Lancashire had batted like a side which had just been humiliated inside two days in the championship and then spent the next two days cooped up in a hotel just off the M5 with little to do but reflect on the error of their ways.

In the past, their championship form has not been reflected in their one-day performances but now their shortage of confidence was plain to see as they lost their first three wickets in six balls with the score anchored on 13.

Watkinson, presumably the pinch-hitter, was bowled by Parsons before he had landed a blow in anger and then Rose struck twice in three balls, claiming McKeown leg-before and having Lloyd caught behind dabbling limply outside off stump.

The last thing Lancashire needed at that stage was to see Mushtaq coming on to have young Harvey embarrassingly stumped. He proceeded to bowl so teasingly that even Fairbrother, an expert at this kind of thing, was restricted to 29 off 66 balls. Hard as they tried, Austin and Hegg could not break the Somerset stranglehold either and when the rain came they must have known they did not have enough runs — whatever Messrs Duckworth and Lewis said.

Surrey find little to sing about as Essex win again

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Surrey by six wickets (D/L method)

IT IS the almost constant noise through the public address system that rings in the ears when you leave the Oval on Sundays these days: whether it is Johnny Gold's rallying cries or the tinny tunes denoting the players' choices as they walk to the wicket. It may catch on, along with the Duckworth/Lewis method of reassessing totals, but for some of us it will be a long haul.

In among it all, there was some pretty good cricket of the 40-over variety. Adam Hollioake demonstrated his all-round skills: Graham Gooch played yet another final Sunday League match and made a useful contribution; Ronnie Irani and Danny Law, with an unbroken fifth-wicket partnership, saw Essex home with seven balls to spare to their fifth win from six matches this season. They had needed 21 from the last three overs and Law's contribution saw him pass 50 from 41 balls during an invaluable innings.

Although Surrey scored 176 from the 35 overs eventually allowed by a couple of showers, the Duckworth/Lewis method of calculation decreed that Essex needed 184 to win. The reason remains just as inappropriate to some of us as the choice of music made by some individuals to accompany them to the wicket.

For most of the later Surrey batsmen a rendering by Dire Straits would have been most fitting. It was Darren Bicknell's choice — *Sultans of Swing* was the song — and he was run out by a long throw from Irani which brushed umpire David Shepherd's waistcoat on the way through to hit the stumps. By then, Surrey were beaten into a subsidence which saw them lose their last seven wickets for 30 runs.

Much of Surrey's slide was attributable to well controlled fast-medium bowling by Ashley Cowan, and the constantly effective Peter Such.

☐ Gary Langham, head of security at the Oval, confirmed that a spectator had been ejected at the end of the match after an altercation, involving blows, between him and Chris Lewis, the Surrey captain.

The spectator, who was foiled in an attempt to re-enter the ground, had also allegedly been racially abusive to a security guard. The matter will be the subject of a report. Lewis had conceded four wides off the last ball of the match.

Emburey thwarts charge for victory

By James Allen

MILTON KEYNES: (Nottinghamshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by seven runs (D/L method)

CAMPBELL PARK was not treated kindly by the weather as it took its place among the county outgrounds yesterday. It was a trying day for all concerned, featuring several interruptions and revisions, but, in the circumstances, the players produced a decent contest.

Chasing an adjusted target of 211 off 27 overs, Nottinghamshire always had a chance as long as Nathan Astle was at the crease. However, the New Zealander's valiant effort was ended with five overs remaining when he was bowled by Emburey. This was sweet revenge for the bowler, having seen the first ball of the same over deposited into the car park. It was one of five sixes in Astle's 75.

The introduction of Emburey proved to be crucial. He had already accounted for Gie and, with the required rate increasing, removed Evans three overs from the close. Twelve were wanted off the last and when Welton gave Emburey a fourth wicket, having a swing at the penultimate ball, Northamptonshire were home.

It was grand entertainment for a sizeable crowd that brought the pleasant surroundings to life. When the sun shone the place looked a picture; trees surrounding an amphitheatre that was carved out of a gentle slope towards the end of the 1980s.

As Northamptonshire lost overs to the rain, so their approach became less careful. Penberthy had gone before the first break, Noon taking a good catch at the wicket standing up to the medium pace of Evans, but everyone else blazed away to considerable effect.

Walton inflicted heavy punishment after Curran fell to Bates, who held on to a fierce drive off his own bowling. Walton landed one six on the pavilion roof and another on the grass terraces down the ground. He was held at long-on five short of a half-century. Bailey continued the onslaught, ensuring Northamptonshire's total exceeded 200.

Headley and McCague return in winning vein

By Ivo Tennant

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Warwickshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 32 runs

AFTER knocking Warwickshire out of the Benson and Hedges Cup and beating them in the county championship, Kent inflicted a further defeat yesterday in the Axa Life League. They will want to play them in the NatWest Trophy following this. After the infamous bowl-out in a cup quarter-final at Edgbaston three years ago, an event which still rankles in these parts, such victories are all the more treasured.

There can be no ground in the country where coloured clothing looks quite so out of place as at Tunbridge Wells. Still, that did not deter a sizeable crowd, the biggest of the week here. Kent's total of 177 did not appear sufficient. Warwickshire, after 20 overs of their innings, were up with the asking rate and had eight wickets in hand, but once Hemp and Knight were out, the rest, other than Welch, went meekly.

Headley signalled his recovery from a back injury with eight impressive overs and McCague, too, looked sharp after his hip trouble. Smith went too early in Warwickshire's innings, Brown was smartly run out by Fleming and Marsh held two excellent catches to dismiss Hemp and Knight before some entertaining hitting by Welch.

Off the last five overs, 37 were required, two wickets intact. Marsh, enterprisingly, then brought on Llong, who with his off spin had Edmond held at deep mid-wicket off his first ball. Welch was bowled, swinging at Fleming, in the following over and Kent had strengthened their challenge.

The odd ball popped off a length on an intrinsically decent pitch, although that could not be blamed for Kent's seemingly inadequate total. Only Ward, who by the standards he maintains in one-day cricket was relatively subdued, reached a half-century.

Twice Brown took two wickets in an over and his figures of four for 42 were his best in this competition. His wickets included that of Strang, who batted as forcefully as anybody in making 40 off 33 balls, including a six off Welch over long on. He had a useful spell of leg spin, too, taking the wickets of Ostler, Penney and Sheikh. Having also won their last three championship matches, Kent are understandably in good heart for their Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Life League

Derbyshire v Hampshire

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss) Derbyshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by four wickets (D/L Method)

HAMPSHIRE

G W White c Adams b DeFreitas	22
J S Laney c Adams b DeFreitas	22
R A Smith c Krikken b Aldred	11
M Keech c Krikken b Aldred	19
W S Kendall lbw b Clarke	7
*J P Stephenson not out	38
S D Udal c Roberts b Aldred	6
A D Mascarenhas b Harris	7
S J Renshaw not out	19
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 12)	19
Total (7 wkts, 33 overs)	170

†A N Aymes and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-48, 2-51, 3-76, 4-92, 5-96, 6-114, 7-123.

BOWLING. Harris 8-1-45-1; DeFreitas 8-0-27-2; Aldred 7-0-40-3; Clarke 6-0-23-1; Roberts 4-0-28-0.

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett lbw b Udal	48
C J Adams c Mascarenhas b Renshaw	14
*D M Jones c Udal b Keech	33
V P Clarke c Stephenson b Keech	6
A S Rollins not out	26
I Blackwell b Renshaw	29
†K M Krikken run out	2
P A J DeFreitas not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 2, nb 4)	19
Total (6 wkts, 32.1 overs)	182

G M Roberts, A J Harris and P Aldred did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-103, 3-105, 4-111, 5-169, 6-176.

BOWLING. Stephenson 5-0-26-0, Renshaw 6.1-0-26-2; Connor 7-0-39-0; Mascarenhas 2-0-16-0; Keech 5-0-29-2; Udal 7-0-31-1.

Target Score: 181 from 33 overs.
Umpires: K E Palmer and G Sharp

Durham v Sussex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Sussex won toss). Durham (4pts) beat Sussex by 62 runs (D/L Method)

DURHAM

J E Morris b K Newell	29
†M P Speight c Moores b Kirtley	12
*D C Boon c Kirtley b Khan	76
N J Speak run out	2
J J B Lewis not out	69
P D Collingwood b Drakes	9
M J Foster b Drakes	4
M M Betts not out	0
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 2)	15
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	216

J Boiling, S J E Brown and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-55, 3-60, 4-176, 5-205, 6-209

BOWLING: Drakes 8-0-44-2; K Newell 8-1-22-1; Kirtley 8-0-53-1, Khan 8-0-54-1, Robinson 8-0-36-0

SUSSEX

R K Rao c Speight b Collingwood	13
C W J Athey run out	1
N R Taylor c Speak b Brown	0
K Greenfield c Speak b Boiling	19
M Newell not out	7
*†P Moores not out	11
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 2)	6
Total (4 wkts, 14 overs)	57

K Newell, R J Kirtley, V C Drakes, A A Khan and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-12, 3-21, 4-39

BOWLING Brown 5-1-24-1; Betts 3-0-8-0, Boiling 3-0-13-1, Collingwood 1-0-2-1; Boon 1-0-7-0, Morris 1-0-1-0

Target Score: 119 from 14 overs.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and D J Constant

Kent v Warwickshire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Warwickshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 32 runs

KENT

M V Fleming c Penney b Brown	19
M J Walker c Brown b Smith	4
T R Ward c Edmond b Welch	59
A P Wells lbw b Brown	0
D P Fulton c Frost b Edmond	9
*†S A Marsh c and b Welch	3
N J Llong c Frost b Edmond	12
P A Strang c Frost b Brown	40
M J McCague b Brown	11
D W Headley not out	1
J B D Thompson b Giles	1
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 6)	18
Total (39.1 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-30, 3-31, 4-61, 5-73, 6-105, 7-124, 8-173, 9-176.

BOWLING: Brown 8-0-42-4, Smith 8-0-26-1; Edmond 8-0-31-2; Welch 8-0-38-2; Giles 7.1-0-32-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

*N V Knight c Marsh b McCague	36
N M K Smith c Strang b Thompson	11
D R Brown run out	7
D L Hemp c Marsh b Fleming	23
D P Ostler st Marsh b Strang	7
T L Penney c Ward b Strang	3
G Welch b Fleming	25
A F Giles b McCague	0
M A Sheikh c Wells b Strang	1
M D Edmond c Fleming b Llong	19
†T Frost not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 1)	11
Total (38.3 overs)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-35, 3-70, 4-85, 5-87, 6-91, 7-98, 8-99, 9-142.

BOWLING: Headley 8-1-23-0, Thompson 7-1-28-1; McCague 6-0-29-2, Fleming 6.3-1-24-2; Strang 8-0-31-3, Llong 1-0-2-1.

Umpires: R Julian and B Dudleston.

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss) Leicestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets (D/L Method)

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes lbw b Dakin	45
J H Kallis c Johnson b Dakin	24
*M R Ramprakash b Dakin	21
M W Gatting lbw b Mason	9
J C Pooley not out	52
†K R Brown not out	22
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 13)	23
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs)	196

K P Dutch, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser and I N Blanchett did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-84, 3-103, 4-131.

BOWLING: Parsons 8-0-34-0; Millns 8-0-20-0; Dakin 8-1-38-3, Mason 8-0-43-1; Wells 3-0-31-0; Johnson 2-0-20-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE

N C Johnson not out	79
V J Wells c Brown b Fraser	7
*J J Whitaker b Fraser	4
D L Maddy c Pooley b Dutch	82
G I Macmillan c Hewitt b Weekes	1
A Habib not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 4, nb 2)	21
Total (4 wkts, 35.2 overs)	198

†P A Nixon, G J Parsons, D J Millns, J M Dakin and T J Mason did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-37, 3-172, 4-178.

BOWLING: Fraser 8-1-33-2; Hewitt 6-0-29-0; Johnson 3-0-30-0, Blanchett 8-0-52-0; Dutch 8-0-31-1; Weekes 2 2-0-8-1

Target score: 198 from 37 overs.
Umpires: A Clarkson and V A Holder.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Essex (17)	6	5	1	0	0	20	12.90
Kent (10)	6	5	1	0	0	20	10.52
Lancashire (9)	6	5	1	0	0	20	9.55
Yorkshire (3)	6	4	2	0	0	16	9.11
Somerset (5)	7	3	3	0	1	14	3.86
Northants (6)	6	3	2	0	1	14	2.13
Surrey (1)	6	3	2	0	1	14	-2.70
Warwicks (4)	6	3	3	0	0	12	5.00
Glamorgan (13)	6	3	3	0	0	12	3.44
Notts (2)	7	3	4	0	0	12	-0.59
Leics (12)	6	3	3	0	0	12	-6.90
Gloucs (16)	5	2	2	0	1	10	12.82
Worcs (8)	4	2	2	0	0	8	7.11
Durham (18)	6	2	4	0	0	8	-8.06
Middlesex (7)	6	2	4	0	0	8	-13.84
Derbyshire (11)	6	1	4	0	1	6	-8.59
Hampshire (15)	7	1	5	0	1	6	-12.56
Sussex (14)	6	1	5	0	0	4	-19.51

(1996 positions in brackets)

Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire

MILTON KEYNES (Nottinghamshire won toss). Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by seven runs (D/L Method)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

M B Loye run out	34
A L Penberthy c Noon b Evans	9
K M Curran c and b Bates	37
T C Walton c Evans b Astle	42
*R J Bailey not out	52
D J G Sales b Bates	20
†R J Warren not out	16
Extras (lb 7, w 6, nb 2)	15
Total (5 wkts, 30 overs)	225

J N Snape, J E Emburey, D Follett and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-70, 3-106, 4-146, 5-185

BOWLING. Evans 6-1-16-1, Oram 6-0-28-0; Bowen 6-0-48-0; Astle 6-0-51-1. Bates 5-0-55-2, Dowman 1-0-20-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M P Dowman b Follett	28
N J Astle b Emburey	75
*P Johnson b Penberthy	32
G F Archer b Penberthy	4
N A Gie lbw b Emburey	2
†W M Noon not out	1
K P Evans b Emburey	17
R T Bates c Sales b Curran	8
G W Welton b Emburey	4
M N Bowen lbw b Taylor	13
A J Oram not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 7, nb 2)	20
Total (9 wkts, 27 overs)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-112, 3-136, 4-139, 5-154, 6-179, 7-186, 8-199, 9-204.

BOWLING. Taylor 6-0-39-1; Follett 5-0-50-1; Penberthy 6-0-23-2; Curran 5-0-53-1; Emburey 5-0-28-4.

Target Score. 211 from 27 overs
Umpires: G I Burgess and J H Harris.

Brown: four wickets for Warwickshire

Somerset v Lancashire

TAUNTON (Lancashire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Lancashire by 5 Wickets (D/L Method)

LANCASHIRE

*M Watkinson b Parsons	5
P C McKeown lbw b Rose	1
M E Harvey st Turner b Mushtaq	8
G D Lloyd c Turner b Rose	0
N H Fairbrother c Turner b Shine	29
I D Austin c Harden b Rose	23
†W K Hegg c Burns b Shine	23
G Yates b Kerr	3
G Chapple not out	9
P J Martin not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 17, nb 2)	29
Total (8 wkts, 38.2 overs)	141

D J Shadford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-13, 3-13, 4-50, 5-65, 6-94, 7-115, 8-119.

BOWLING: Rose 8-2-15-3, Parsons 8-0-24-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 8-2-24-1. Shine 7.2-0-25-2; Kerr 5-0-30-1. Burns 2-0-13-0.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell lbw b Chapple	12
M Burns c McKeown b Martin	5
†R J Turner c Lloyd b Shadford	42
*P D Bowler c Watkinson b Shadford	7
R J Harden b Martin	11
G D Rose not out	20
P C L Holloway not out	4
Extras (lb 4, w 2)	6
Total (5 wkts, 21 overs)	107

K A Parsons, Mushtaq Ahmed, K J Shine and J I D Kerr did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-40, 3-55, 4-76, 5-87

BOWLING: Martin 5-0-12-2; Austin 4-0-20-0, Chapple 4-0-27-1. Yates 4-0-29-0. Shadford 4-0-15-2.

Target Score. 105 from 22 overs
Umpires. J D Bond and N T Plews.

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Surrey by six wickets (D/L Method)

SURREY

J D Ratcliffe c Robinson b Cowan	69
I J Ward b Such	31
N Shahid b Grayson	5
*A J Hollioake c Irani b Such	39
B C Hollioake lbw b Cowan	2
C C Lewis b Grayson	5
†J A Knott run out	0
I D K Salisbury not out	3
M P Bicknell run out	4
Saqlain Mushtaq b Cowan	3
J E Benjamin b Cowan	0
Extras (lb 9, w 4, nb 2)	15
Total (34.3 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-79, 2-92, 3-139, 4-146, 5-164, 6-165, 7-166, 8-172, 9-176.

BOWLING Irani 4-0-18-0; Cowan 6.3-0-36-4; D R Law 4-0-29-0, Such 7-0-22-2, Grayson 7-0-26-2, Powell 6-0-36-0

ESSEX

D D J Robinson b Lewis	0
S G Law c Bicknell b Saqlain Mushtaq	24
*G A Gooch c Knott b A J Hollioake	28
R C Irani not out	32
A P Grayson c Shahid b B C Hollioake	16
D R Law not out	55
Extras (b 8, lb 5, w 15, nb 2)	30
Total (4 wkts, 33.5 overs)	185

S D Peters, †R J Rollins, J C Powell, A P Cowan and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-60, 3-66, 4-97

BOWLING: Bicknell 3-0-18-0, Lewis 5 5-0-27-1, Saqlain Mushtaq 7-0-32-1, A J Hollioake 6-1-28-1, B C Hollioake 7-0-34-1; Salisbury 5-0-33-0

Target Score 184 from 35 overs.
Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

HEADINGLEY (Gloucestershire won toss) Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 44 runs (D/L Method)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Silverwood	6
R J Cunliffe b Silverwood	56
S Young not out	146
M A Lynch c Hartley b Stemp	18
*M W Alleyne not out	14
Extras (lb 6, w 6)	12
Total (3 wkts, 34.4 overs)	252

T H C Hancock, †R C Russell, M C J Ball, A M Smith, R P Davis and J J Lewis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-170, 3-203

BOWLING Silverwood 8-0-52-2; Hartley 5.4-1-34-0; Hamilton 8-0-75-0; White 5-0-32-0. Stemp 8-0-53-1

YORKSHIRE

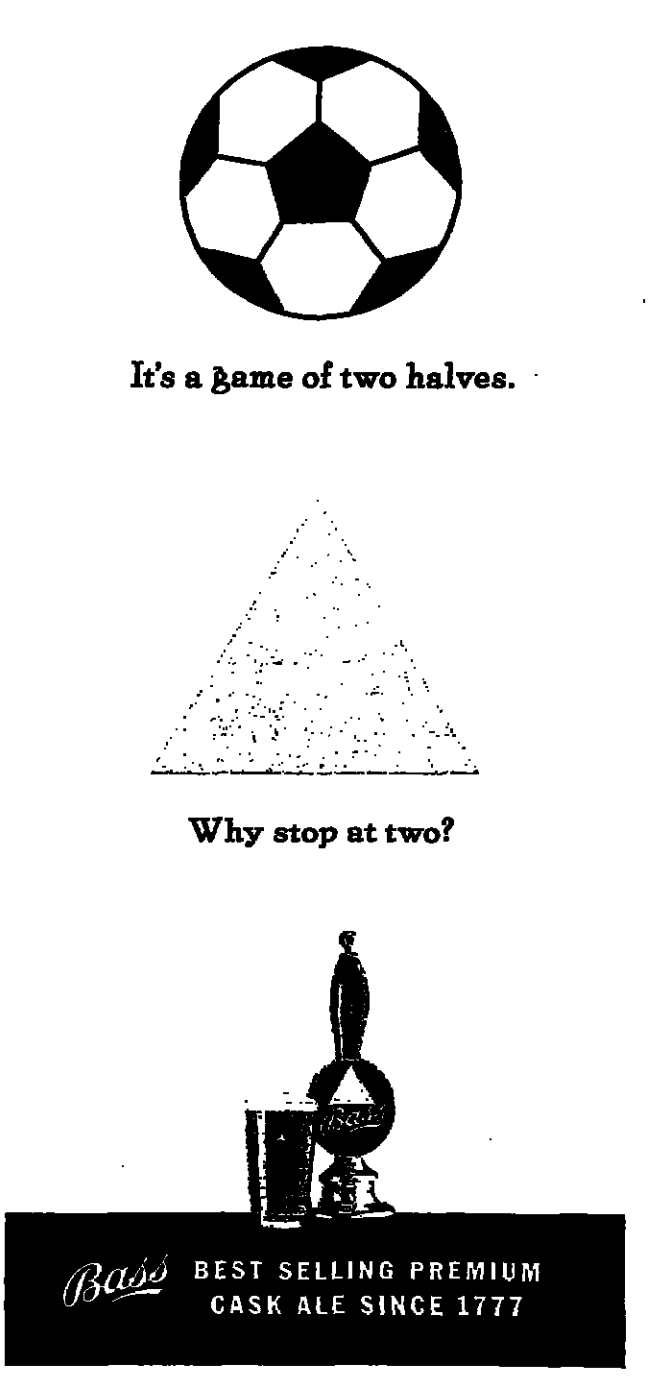
*D Byas b Lewis	29
M D Moxon c Davis b Lewis	1
D S Lehmann c Hancock b Lewis	14
B Parker lbw b Smith	2
†R J Blakey c Hancock b Ball	56
C White c and b Ball	14
P J Hartley c and b Alleyne	46
R A Kettleborough b Smith	9
G M Hamilton not out	18
C E W Silverwood not out	7
Extras (lb 6, w 4)	10
Total (8 wkts, 30 overs)	206

R D Stemp did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-5, 2-24, 3-32, 4-56, 5-82, 6-159, 7-179, 8-183

BOWLING: Smith 6-0-25-2, Lewis 6-0-39-3; Young 6-0-35-0. Ball 6-0-37-2, Alleyne 5-0-44-1; Davis 1-0-20-0

Target Score 250 from 30 overs
Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty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Touring team loses forward momentum after uncomfortable encounter with rampaging Bulls

Lions' supremacy shaken at foundations

Northern Transvaal 35
British Isles XV 30

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN PRETORIA

DEFEAT, even if it is the first to be suffered by the British Isles against a South African provincial side for 29 years, is by no means disaster. Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, confessed on Friday that he was happy that the international series with South Africa was still a fortnight away and the loss to Northern Transvaal here on Saturday confirmed how much work is still to be done.

Far better to lose an unbeaten tour record now and identify the weaker links in the Lions chain than to have them exposed in the first international in Cape Town on June 21. The opportunity to strengthen them remains, and McGeechan may well be forced to revise some of his views after the Blue Bulls snorted their way to an entirely deserved victory, one that would have been more emphatic had the referee awarded at least two tries that appeared to have been earned.

Should the Lions be more simplistic in their approach to the game? Will the many positive qualities in Gregor Townsend's game be outweighed in the international arena by the negatives? Is Mike Catt a viable alternative to either Townsend or, at full back, Tim Stimpson? These are areas of concern that were debated long before the tour began, but defeat concentrates the mind wonderfully.

The silver lining around this particular cloud is that the Lions were made to play so poorly yet still came within five points of the victors. They will reflect that selection for this match, notably in the back row, was useful only in a negative sense and that England's tight five, which has bullied its way around Europe for nearly ten years, is not as good as it sometimes believes itself to be.

The message was driven home by John Williams, the former South Africa lock who coaches the Bulls. "The Lions must realise that if they want to play this type of game, they must start scrumming well and they must start driving," he said. "You must tire your opponent in the maul and give your scrum half good ball."

In other words, the house that McGeechan seeks to build must have firmer foundations now that the Lions are entering the most demanding phase of their tour. On Saturday the half backs — and, to a degree, the back row — operated off a platform that crabbed sideways for much of the afternoon. Their opponents, in contrast, scored two tries direct from set pieces, aided by poor defending, and were gifted a third that was to prove vital.

The most serious statistic for the Lions, as it has been throughout the tour, was the number of scrums they conceded, 21 to 11 on this occasion. The players feel that referees are inclined to award scrums to their opponents with greater celerity than they do to the Lions, who find themselves playing with possession that has already been slowed down at ruck or maul; in which case they must be far more clinical in those areas.

On Saturday they were not. They spilt ball in the loose, in tackles and under high kicks. They were naive in telegraphing their attacking ploys and failed to adapt to Northern Transvaal's propensity to pack the short side and use Bouwer's elusive attacking skills from full back. The upshot was a series of question marks, in terms of the internationals, over Stimpson, Bentley and Tait (as a centre), while Quinnell, Rowntree and Regan, the forwards, will have to work hard to recover lost ground.

In each of their four previous games the Lions enjoyed an early score. Here they were 11 points down before Guscott threaded a kick through the eye of the defence and chased through for the Lions' first try. Steyn had kicked two penalty goals and also scored a try when Bouwer made the extra man and Steyn, with ample space, left Stimpson clutching at air as he sprinted home.

DAVID ROGERS / ALLSPORT

Tait, the British Isles centre, evades a determined challenge by Schutte and breaks clear towards open ground at Loftus Versfeld

When Bouwer created the simplest of tries for Van Schalkwyk, Northern Transvaal held an 18-7 interval lead that they embellished within a minute of the restart. By wheeling the scrum, they created a vacant blind side into which Breytenbach pounded, linking with Esterhuizen, who flipped up the pass for Richter to finish a 40-metre move. Then the Lions began to demonstrate their mettle and Townsend, direct from a lineout, made a wonderful break to send Guscott over for his second try.

Townsend's gifted running makes it all the more frustrating when he fails to perform the nuts and bolts of rugby. His restart kicks were either too shallow or too deep and his propensity to seek the wide open spaces from deepest defence, rather than work down limited channels, in the end sealed the match. Stimpson's kicking had brought the resurgent Lions to 25-20 going into the final quarter before Townsend, trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, misdirected a pass under his own posts. Van Schalkwyk gobbled it up.

With time running out Guscott looped to a big blind side and Tait — now on the wing after Bentley had been replaced by Gibbs — ran powerfully before delivering the scoring pass to Townsend. Even with Northern Transvaal within range, the Lions could not dominate possession, nor did they deserve to snatch the match from the fire.

SCORERS: Northern Transvaal Blue Bulls: Tries: Van Schalkwyk (2), Steyn, Richter. Conversions: Steyn (3). Penalty goals: Steyn (3). British Isles XV: Tries: Guscott (2), Townsend. Conversions: Stimpson (3). Penalty goals: Stimpson (3).

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL BLUE BULLS: G Bouwer; W Lourens, J Schutte, D van Schalkwyk, C Steyn; R de Marigny, C Breytenbach; L Campher, H Tromp, P Boer, N van der Walt, D Grobbelaar, D Badenhorst, S Bekker, A Richter (captain). Lourens replaced by G Esterhuizen (35min); Grobbelaar replaced by G Laufs (41); Tromp replaced by J Brooks (41), van der Walt replaced by R Schroeder (66). Boer replaced by A Proudfoot (71). J Taljaard temporary replacement for Bouwer (38-40).

BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), A Tait (Newcastle and Scotland), J Guscott (Bath and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); G Townsend (Northampton and Scotland), R Howley (Cardiff and Wales); G Rowntree (Leicester and England), M Regan (Bristol and England), J Leonard (Harlequins and England), L Dallaglio (Wasps and England), M Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), S Shaw (Bristol and England), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland), S Quinnell (Richmond and Wales). Bentley replaced by S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales, 60), Leonard replaced by D Young (Cardiff and Wales, 75).

Referee: A Watson (Gauteng Falcons)

Gibbs ban tarnishes disciplinary record

FROM DAVID HANDS

SCOTT GIBBS, the Swansea and Wales centre, was suspended for one match yesterday after being found guilty of punching Grant Esterhuizen only minutes after joining the game against Northern Transvaal as a replacement. He will be unavailable for selection for the game against Gauteng in Johannesburg on Wednesday and his prospects of playing in the first international on June 21 have declined further.

Gibbs, 26, became the first British Isles player to be cited for foul play and suspended. Since he suffered an ankle injury in his first tour match, against Border, he has yet to complete a full 80 minutes and there is little time left for him to recover ground. The management, meanwhile, has been left fuming that such an incident should have occurred at this particular time.

The Lions, justifiably, took a high moral tone last week when they lost Doddie Weir to the most blatant piece of foul play against Mpumalanga on Wednesday. They have demanded disciplinary action by the Mpumalanga union, whose committee meets today, but by doing so they have created a greater onus on their own players to avoid controversy.

Gibbs was adjudged to have followed through a heavy tackle on Esterhuizen by punching him. Gibbs told the South African Rugby Football Union disciplinary panel that he was attempting to dislodge the ball from Esterhuizen's grasp.

The panel regarded this as "fanciful" and commented, somewhat curiously, on Gibbs's experience in rugby league leading to a more aggressive approach. That may refer to the habit of league players tackling around the shoulders and trying to force a turnover of the ball, which is what Gibbs claimed he was trying to do.

The panel took into account the fact that only a glancing blow was landed, that the incident would probably have earned no more than a penalty had the referee seen it and Gibbs's own good record. "We had a fair hearing and we accept the decision," Fran Cotton, the Lions manager, said. "As far as we are concerned, this matter is now closed."

There will, however, be a lingering sense of injustice if Mpumalanga do not take punitive action against Marius Bosman, the lock whose kick ended Weir's tour. As matters stand, Bosman goes scot-free while Gibbs must take his punishment on the chin.

The Lions' own internal disciplinary committee, of Cotton, Ian McGeechan, Martin Johnson and Rob Wainwright, will not sit on this particular issue though McGeechan, the coach, must be disappointed that any player should have provoked a citing. He will have noted, too, that Andre Watson, the referee, called the two captains together at one stage after individual players had queried decisions. Personal discipline remains a high priority for the Lions if they are to sustain the ambitious game that McGeechan requires.

☐ The only Lions player to have been sent off for foul play in a match is John O'Shea, the Cardiff and Wales prop, who was dismissed for punching against Eastern Transvaal during the 1968 tour of South Africa, after the referee had issued a general warning.

Australia forced to gamble on Horan

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HORAN will play stand-off half for Australia when they meet France in Sydney on June 21. The selection of Horan, who has won 47 caps and whose partnership at centre with Jason Little was a cornerstone of Australia's 1991 World Cup triumph, reveals the lack of depth that they have at No 10.

Greg Smith, the Australia coach, admitted as much. "I think it's going to be a gamble whoever you play in that position at the moment," he said. "There are shortcomings all the way through."

The selectors have thus ignored David Knox, the veteran whose form during the Super 12 tournament made him one of the outstanding players in the competition. Pat Howard, who has played stand-off at international level, will partner Little in the centre.

John Eales remains captain of a team that otherwise is much as expected, although Ewen McKenzie has returned to favour at tight-head prop. Troy Coker, the former Harlequins forward, who played his first game for Australia a decade ago, has been named on the replacements' bench.

New Zealand have also selected an international side, for the game on Saturday against Fiji in Auckland. John Hart, the coach, has picked two new caps, Tana Umaga and Taine Randell.

In the latest round of the Pacific Rim championship, Canada enjoyed a narrow victory in Vancouver against Hong Kong, the surprise package of the competition. Gareth Rees, of Wasps, kicked a penalty goal in the 79th minute to ensure a 17-16 win.

A resurgent United States beat Japan 51-29 in San Francisco, with Brian Hightower, the United States wing, scoring four tries. Japan were not helped by the dismissal, late in the game, of Hiroyuki Tanuma for stamping. Canada are well placed to retain the Pacific title, with two matches for each of the four teams to be played.

Gregory Kacala, the Polish-born flanker who was so influential in Brive's progress to the Heineken Cup last season, has signed a two-year contract with Cardiff. Kacala, 29, follows Tony Rees to the club and will prove a significant addition to Cardiff's forward strength.

AUSTRALIA (v France, June 21): M Burke; B Tune, J Little, P Howard, J Roff; T Horan, G Gregan; R Harry, M Caputo, E McKenzie, B Robinson, D Giffin, J Eales (captain), D Wilson, D Manu

NEW ZEALAND (v Fiji, June 14): C Cullen; J Wilson, F Bunce, L Stensness, T Umaga, A Mehrtens, J Marshall; O Brown, S Fitzpatrick (captain), C Dowd, M Jones, R Brooke, I Jones, J Kronfeld, T Randell

England stumble within reach of history

Argentina 33
England 13

FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN BUENOS AIRES

ALTHOUGH England will rue their failure to create rugby history by securing their first series win abroad by a 2-0 margin, they should not be dispirited. Nor should there be recriminations — too much has been achieved on the tour of Argentina for that. Their performance needs to be put in context.

Lacking Mike Catt and Nigel Redman, called up by the British Isles, and with Adedayo Adebayo and Jim Mallinder clearly half-fit, it was asking too much of England to climb — in the words of Jack Rowell, their coach — another Himalayan peak.

"We made too many mistakes, we turned over too much possession and our ball-retention was poor," Rowell said after their defeat at the Ferrocarril Oeste Stadium here on Saturday. "The loss of Catt in the week also created a big hole we weren't able to fill. Overall, though, the tour has been an outstanding success and I congratulated all the players, several of whom have made a statement for inclusion in the 1999 World Cup squad, for their contributions on and off the field."

To their credit, England did not make excuses for their heaviest defeat since the 40-15 setback against Australia in 1991, but there were mitigating circumstances, not least Argentina's ability to turn around their fortunes so impressively. Instead of the shapeless side of a week earlier, they dictated proceedings from the outset. They showed far greater control and precision, played with their heads rather than their hearts and, in Gonzalo Quesada, the stand-off half, possessed an astute tactician.

His controlled kicking from hand and his all-round play ensured that Argentina exerted a territorial stranglehold from which England were rarely able to extricate themselves. Argentina dominated the set-pieces and forced Kyran Bracken to spend most of the game acting as a ninth forward, which did not help Mark Mapletoft's cause on his debut.

Mapletoft cut a sorry figure. He kicked a penalty goal but missed another and two conversions, and generally looked ill at ease. The harder he tried — and he did try to make things happen — the worse it got, and when Mallinder was replaced by King, Mapletoft dropped to full back, where he looked more comfortable. King, who became the tenth new cap on the tour, fitted in well at stand-off in the last quarter and scored a try, made by Mapletoft's vision.

Mistakes did little to help England's cause. Argentina's first try was a case in point. Having withstood an early onslaught, conceding only two penalties, England had begun to establish some rhythm. Then Mallinder fielded an aimless punt inside the England half and set out on the counter-attack, but inexplicably passed to where he thought Adebayo was in support. The ball went to ground and Soler had a casual 40-metre stroll to the line. Although Mapletoft kicked a goal, England turned around 13-3 down.

Argentina turned the screw in the third quarter. A penalty goal by Quesada was quickly followed by Grau's try, the impressive prop popping up in the line to power over from the 22. A late rally brought a try for Grewcock, but England were clearly second best.

For their part, Argentina, for whom Soler and Simone scored again, can look forward to their five-match tour of New Zealand, which begins today, with less trepidation than they might have done.

ENRIQUE MARCARIAN

Llanes, the Argentina lock forward, towers over Haag at a lineout

SCORERS: Argentina: Tries: Soler (2), Grau, Simone. Conversions: Quesada (2). Penalty goals: Quesada (3). England: Tries: King, Grewcock. Penalty goal: Mapletoft.

ARGENTINA: E Jurado (Rosario), T Solari (Hindú), E Simone (Liceo Naval), L Arbizu (Belgrano, captain), F Soler (Tala); G Quesada (Hindu), N Fernandez Miranda (Hindú); R Grau (Gauteng Lions), C Promanzio (Duendes), M Reggiardo (Castres), R Martin (San Isidro), G Llanes (Bath), P Sporleder (Curupaytí), I Fernández Lobbe (Liceo Naval), P J Camerlinckx (Regatas Bella Vista). Reggiardo replaced by O Hasan Jalil (Natacio y Gimansia, 59min); Solari replaced by G Arnstide (Rosario, 68), Martin replaced by C Viel (Newman, 75)

ENGLAND: J Mallinder (Sale); J M Sleightholme (Bath), P R de Glanville (Bath, captain), N J J Greenstock (Wasps), A Adebayo (Bath); M S Mapletoft (Gloucester), K P P Bracken (Saracens); K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), D J Garforth (Leicester), M Corry (Bristol), M Haag (Bath), D J Grewcock (Coventry), B B Clarke (Richmond), A J Diprose (Saracens). Corry replaced by C M A Sheasby (Wasps, 54); Mallinder replaced by A D King (Wasps, 58); Adebayo replaced by A C T Gomarsall (Wasps, 67)

Referee: J Kaplan (South Africa)

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Brazilian's brilliant improvisation secures French Open triumph against former champion

New age of adventure unveiled by Kuerten

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

GUSTAVO KUERTEN, the new champion of Roland Garros, is a player who enriches sport and his victory in the French Open here will make the court of tennis far more exhilarating in the future. He brought to this hallowed red clay his inimitable beachwear, blue shoes for heaven's sake. Yet we watched him devour the champions of old, beating Thomas Muster, Yevgeni Kafelnikov and, yesterday, Sergi Bruguera in the final.

More than that, much more, he brings a sense of boyish imagination, a feeling that a player if he is gifted enough need not be a clone of one of the past masters, but can invent his own style. Given that he comes from Brazil, just imagine what will happen if that nation, with its ability at ball games, should become inspired by him as once it did by Pelé.

A day before "Guga" defeated Bruguera 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, he received a fax from Pelé, now the Minister for Sport in Brazil. He handled it with humility, just as yesterday he handled his opponent with almost brutal, complete all-court pace and power. Here was a 20-year-old, a man ranked No 66 in the world, someone who had never won a world-ranked tournament on any surface, taking out champion after champion and virtually apologising to them for doing so.

When he stepped on to the podium yesterday and saw Bjorn Borg, six times a winner at Roland Garros, the Brazilian bowed deferentially. "I didn't expect this trophy," he later explained, "and there on the podium in front of me was one big idol in tennis. I think this was the destiny, the fate . . . and when I had this cup in the hands, I thought of my father, Aldo. When I lost him [his father died while umpiring a children's match in southern Brazil] I was eight going to nine. He never saw me play. So this trophy and this tournament and all that I did here goes to him."

In a mercurial wind and the sky heavy with cloud, we saw from the very first that Kuerten could upset the odds. His service comes down from such a height; he is 6ft 3in, able to produce angles and acceleration that Bruguera, standing five feet beyond the baseline, could not return. Kuerten's first two service games were won to love. But, in Bruguera's service games, there were already examples of the clay-court specialist being wrong-footed, being bemused by the strength of return, the always varying angles and low skimming volleys of the Brazilian.

In the fifth game, Kuerten broke the Spaniard. All the aggression, much of the effort and the courage to go for winners was coming from his side of the net. "I want to give all credit to Kuerten," Bruguera said. "He played an outstanding match. Maybe I waited for him to make mistakes, but he went for it."

In the second set, Bruguera, a player of considerable courage as his return from hip and ankle injuries has shown, used his wiles to try to halt the steamroller bearing down on him. But Kuerten, unlike in the semi-finals, where he lost concentration, was irrepressible. Twice more he served to love and on the Spaniard's service he must have seemed almost like an octopus, a player of such quick movement, such elastic reach, that the experienced Bruguera looked on the point of despair. Yes, he did immediately break back when 3-1 down. Yes, he did prolong the set, probing and searching and perhaps still waiting for inspiration to blow itself out. Bruguera, indeed, won a supreme point in the ninth game of that set when, with both men groaning audibly through the sheer effort. Bruguera three times returned what appeared to be winning forehands from Kuerten and then advanced to produce a breathtaking backhand winner of his own. It was rare respite and Kuerten, unmoved by the moment, took the set.

JACK DABAGHIAN

Kuerten expresses his feelings during his win over Bruguera in the final yesterday

In the third, it appeared that a lucky break, a Kuerten winner off the top of the net, had broken the Spaniard's resolve like the snapping of a racket string. At any rate, willpower did subside, Kuerten quickly ran through the set and Bruguera said: "You don't lose faith because of one stroke of luck, but I couldn't find a way to turn the match."

No turning point, one of the world's leading exponents on clay beaten in every aspect of the game. Kuerten is coming to Wimbledon via a tournament in Bologna. He said he is coming to learn and he insisted that he is coming as a normal person, not as an accepted Brazilian idol, such as Ronaldo.

"To do that, I have to win for at least two more years," he said. And the spending-money? Kuerten received £400,000 yesterday. "I think I'll put it into my account," he mused. "I have all that I need right now, a good house and my mum's car that I use a little bit." He could not name or describe the vehicle so he improvised, as he does on the court.

Majoli comes of age in centenary celebration

FROM ROB HUGHES

FOR some, it takes a glass of wine to loosen the tongue, to liberate the personality. For Iva Majoli it took the intoxication of becoming the French Open champion in the centenary year of women's tennis at Roland Garros on Saturday to open up.

The 19-year-old Croatian had seemed to be struggling against the odds in a tournament made for Martina Hingis, the 16-year-old phenomenon. On the podium on Saturday, once Majoli had outplayed, outpowered and outsmarted Hingis 6-4, 6-2, it fell to Chris Evert, five times the champion here, to make the first apology. Evert, like many, had not given Majoli a chance. "There is no way Iva can beat Martina," she had said on NBC television. Now it was Evert's honour to present the Suzanne Lenglen trophy, and she did it graciously with a few quiet words that surely must have begun with: "Sorry, we underestimated you."

The afternoon had begun heavy with the scent of nostalgia and roses. A flower had been handed to each of the 9,000 women among the 16,000 capacity crowd, and a *boutonnière* to the former champions who were invited for the centenary celebration. Thereafter, competition, harsh and telling and somewhat brief in its lesson, took over.

Majoli struck the tempo of her game from the very first, seldom advancing from the baseline yet aggressive, powerful and accurate in her line and length. She persevered in the sultry conditions, and in the fifth game of the first set revealed her intention to break the myth of Hingis early on. Majoli moved 40-0 up on the Hingis service. Hingis, in her response, revealed the champion's will, or so it seemed. Matching strength with strength, mind with mind, she saved those three break points, endured four deuces and won the game.

However, it took something out of her. Majoli, increasingly dominant on her own service games, winning the next to 15 and the one after that to love, attacked with venomous, flat, repetitive baseline-to-baseline groundstrokes. The supreme rally of the contest, coming once again when Hingis was serving against the tide, entailed 23 strokes and was won with a brilliant change of weight and direction by Hingis. Yet it was a forlorn gesture. She was broken and lost the first set 6-4, her attempts to feather the ball over the net, as she had so successfully against Monica Seles in the semi-final, only demonstrating the athleticism, the defiance, of the Croatian.

Majoli, on antibiotics for three days because of a heavy cold and requiring an injection after finishing exhausted in her own semi-final, simply felt that destiny was luring her on. The crux of the match seemed to be the Croatian asking how much her young opponent, this girl who has everything and had beaten every competitor in every match in 1997, really wanted this crown.

Majoli: athletic

The breaking point came in the fifth game of the second set. Hingis took a "bathroom break", with her mother also having left the court, and spent an inordinate five minutes away from the court, leaving Majoli to hold her concentration. The Croatian kept herself mobile, practicing services, waiting while the crowd whistled Hingis when she returned. Immediately, Hingis lost her service; she seemed bemused, bewildered, beaten. She then lost the crowd's remaining affection by slamming down her racket and incurring a code violation. She was broken again, to love, at 5-2 and Majoli, asked to sit out one more interruption while Hingis called for ice treatment because she felt cramp in her upper thighs, then served out without allowing the distractions to tamper with her concentration.

Majoli had earned 17 break points to nil, broken Hingis three times without response and won 73 per cent of her first-service points, compared with 48 per cent from Hingis.

Then the new champion opened up her personality. "I'm going to party," she said. "I like to party. I like to have fun, which perhaps is why when people expected me to win a grand slam at 16 or 17, I really didn't feel ready for that. I was just doing what normal people do — I think with me at 16, I was more like 13. Martina, at 16, is like a grown-up. I had lots of friends, I was always going out, nobody stopped me doing these things. Martina, I really have to admire, she takes this really big responsibility."

Hingis put on her Hollywood smile in the face of defeat and repeated the lines that her recent knee operation, and her gruelling doubles semi-final on Friday, had perhaps caught up with her. She admitted that her bathroom break had come when she felt hot and bothered: "I thought, now I can relax a little bit, take a little time off, try to come back," she said. The rules were not framed for this, nor for the intention to disrupt the rhythm and momentum of the opponent.

"Maybe I did think, did she really have to go to the bathroom?" Majoli said. "But, you know, we are friends, Martina and I. On the court, we all mean to win, and maybe you do things sometimes you don't mean to do." Would the new champion do such a thing? "Well, I don't know. I mean today I wasn't in that position. Maybe if I was, I don't know. You can't really think that you are friends or whatever, it's a final and we both want to fight as hard as we can to win."

Henman needs string of wins to secure Wimbledon seeding

JULIAN MUSCAT

Tennis Correspondent

AFTER their recent, barren experiences in the slippery dustbowls of Europe, the time has come for Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski to put down some roots. Certainly the terrain could not be more favourable as Britain's leading duo front a strong supporting cast at the Stella Artois grass court championships, which open today at Queen's Club, in west London.

Connoisseurs will be attracted by Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Goran Ivanisevic, whose presence adds lustre to what remains the most authentic pre-Wimbledon pointer. However, the vast majority among this week's 50,000 spectators will want nothing less than to celebrate a homecoming. If the Roland Garros galleries adopted the Mexican wave, those at Queen's want to wave their Union Jacks — metaphorically speaking, of course.

This is a poignant tournament for Henman, who carries the greater weight of expectation. He underwent arthroscopic surgery on a long-standing elbow injury 11 weeks ago and remains vulnerable through lack of match practice, having been knocked out early in Rome, St Polten and Paris. His world ranking has suffered accordingly and only a productive run at Queen's can advance his desire for a seeded berth at Wimbledon.

"I have been overtaken by quite a few people after the results from Paris," Britain's No 1 acknowledged. "From now on, all players have one eye on Wimbledon, the really important one. But this is not just a warm-up for me. I have had my problems so my European season really starts here, on grass. I will feel at home in more ways than one."

The draw at Queen's offers Henman — seeded four and accorded a first-round bye — an excellent opportunity to reacquaint himself with his favoured surface. His compatriot, Andrew Richardson, opens proceedings on centre court today against Sargis Sargsian, of Armenia; Henman squares up to the winner tomorrow.

If all goes well, he is projected to encounter one Australian, Jason Stoltenberg, in the quarter-finals and another, Mark Philippoussis, in the penultimate round. Let us hope he will take his lead from England's cricketers.

Rusedski, seeded 16, has fared less well. He opens tomorrow with a demanding examination at the hands of Mark Woodforde, yet another Australian and a creditable fourth-round loser in Paris. Woodforde, who, in tandem with Todd Woodbridge, has no peer on the doubles court, must rebound from a rare doubles defeat on the Roland Garros clay two days ago.

Doubtless the outcome to the Edgbaston Test will fortify Woodforde more than Rusedski, the latter a naturalised Briton — if no less patriotic for all that.

On a broader note, it will be intriguing to discover whether the form-book betrayals so prevalent on Europe's clay courts extend to the domestic grass season. The Spaniards, who virtually colonised Roland Garros, are conspicuous by their absence.

The two surfaces bear as much similarity as vinegar and vintage wine, so perhaps the old order is about to reassert itself. Certainly Sampras, the world No 1, surprised few with his early departures in Rome and Paris. Like Henman, with whom he opens an assault on the doubles title today, Sampras thrives on Britain's lawns. He is three times a previous winner here.

Chang, the world No 2, surfaces at Queen's for the first time in six years. His service, previously lacking in penetration, has increased in velocity, although the live outsiders in his half of the draw will be pleased to have avoided Sampras.

It has long been folly to make predictions on behalf of Ivanisevic, whose spectacular hitting strikes a chord with the British audience. And the cognoscenti are expecting big things of Patrick Rafter, the ninth seed, whose serve-and-volley approach sustained him to the semi-finals in Paris.

Ultimately, however, the burden falls squarely on Henman to put the nation in Wimbledon mood. Never mind that he has made giant strides towards the elite; never mind that his form since injury is lacking; never mind that, along with Rusedski, he is Britain's first seed in this tournament's 18-year history. All that is in the past. The British tennis season effectively starts with Henman's first appearance on home soil this year. It is time for him to put down those roots.

QUEEN'S SEEDS

1. P Sampras (US); 2. M Chang (US). 3. G Ivanisevic (Cro); 4. T Henman (GB); 5. M Rossel (Switz); 6. M Philippoussis (Aus). 7. J Courier (US). 8. J Bjorkman (Swe); 9. P Rafter (Aus). 10. J Siemerink (Holl). 11. T Woodbridge (Aus); 12. C Pioline (Fr); 13. A O'Brien (US); 14. J Stoltenberg (Aus); 15. M Göllner (Ger); 16. G Rusedski (GB).

Spirlea heads field

IRINA SPIRLEA, from Romania, heads the entry for the DFS Classic women's grass court tournament at the Edgbaston Priory Club, which opens in Birmingham today. Spirlea, the world No 13, reached the quarter-finals in Paris last week before succumbing to Steffi Graf in three sets. She also reached the same stage of the Australian Open in January.

Seeded second is Nathalie Tauziat, the beaten finalist last year and a winner at Eastbourne two years ago. A noted grass-court exponent, Tauziat was beaten by Meredith McGrath at Edgbaston 12 months ago but McGrath, since plagued by a knee injury, has yet to hit a ball this year. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the winner at Edgbaston in 1992, was a late withdrawal yesterday.

Sam Smith, the Britain No 1, granted a wild card, heads the home challenge.

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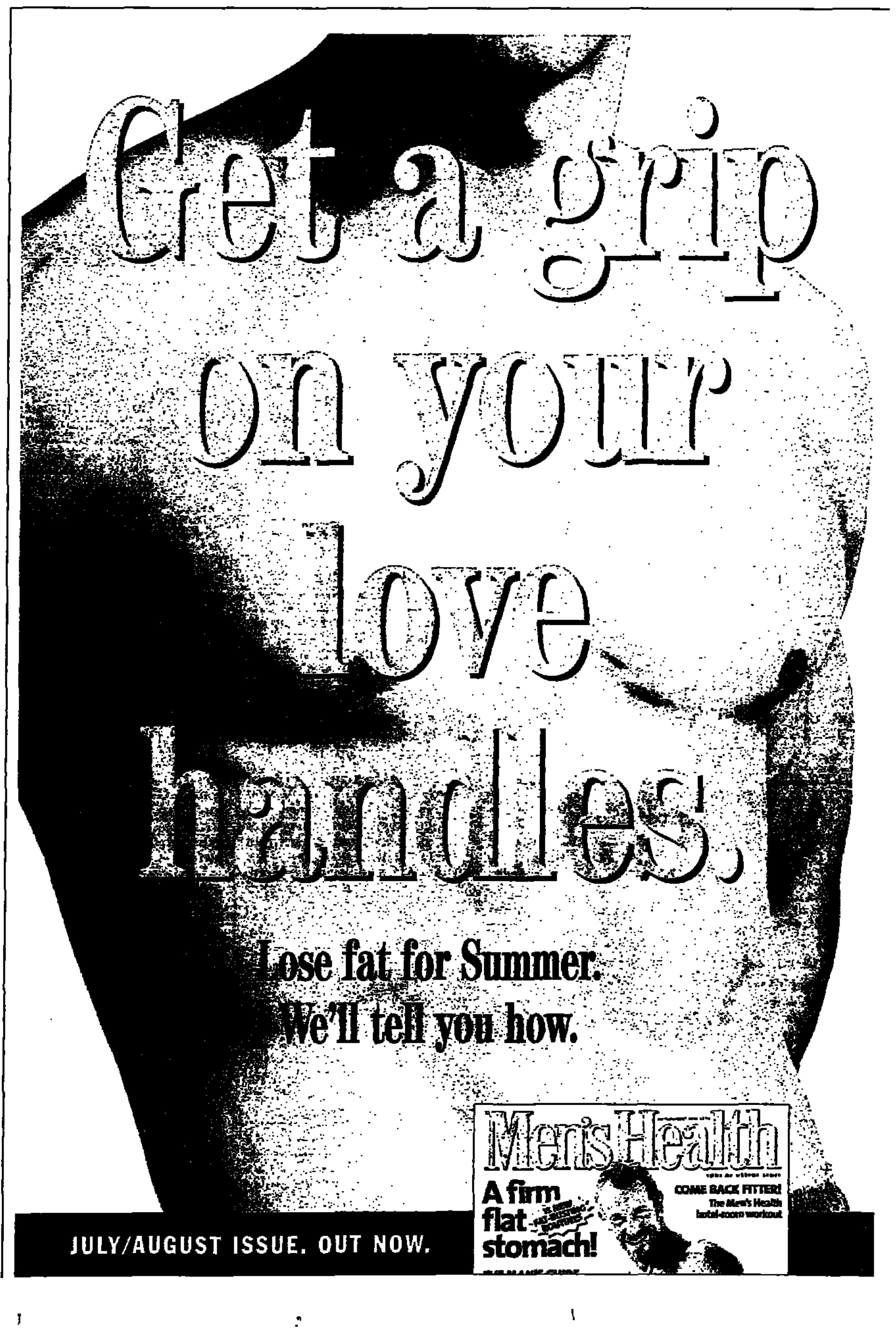

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Epsom team guilty of badly-judged race

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

When it first arrived on our screens Channel 4 Racing was like a breath of fresh air for those raised on a diet of Peter O'Sullevan and the ITV Seven. It was innovative, informative and, above all, fun — providing for perhaps the first time on television a real sense of what attending a race meeting is all about. On Saturday, however, Channel 4 Racing was tired, smug and ill-disciplined. Something has gone badly wrong.

There was strange sense of *déjà vu* as, for the second time in eight days, the build-up to the big event began with Brough Scott squinting into the camera. In the best equestrian traditions, Scott had picked himself out of the mess that was England against Poland on Channel 5, dusted himself down and got straight back in the saddle. A nation held its breath. "Hello everyone," Scott said cheerily: "Once a year it comes down to this, a summer's day in Surrey." Phew, what a relief. Scott had rediscovered the English language. Later he would survive getting the Hills brothers thoroughly mixed up and even came up with the telling phrase that wrote the next day's headlines. "Benny the Dip steals the Derby ... we'll be back after the break."

But if Scott himself was not the problem, he was still part of the problem — part of a team that has become too big, part of a team that had completely forgotten that on this of all days there is a potential audience out there that knows next to nothing about racing. But then this is also a team showing worrying signs of knowing next to nothing about broadcasting. The mission to explain has been replaced by a mission to entertain ... themselves.

As the camera passed, seemingly at random, from Scott to John Oaksey to Derek Thompson to John McCririck ... one longed for the reliable voice of calm that is Des Lynam on Grand National day. Thompson is the nearest Channel 4 Racing has to a natural broadcaster — or rather he was. Nowadays, he too has become an insider, as anxious to swap jargon and in-jokes as the rest of them. He also has an annoying habit of referring to himself as Tommo, wore a morning suit to present *The Morning Line* and proved a somewhat unreliable guide to form. He was so close to the action at the start I thought he might be led into a stall himself, but instead he cast an expert eye over Benny the Dip — or Benny the Drip as he was called all day. "He's not sweating up at all — is that a bad sign?"

Thompson should have stuck to his strength, which is the vox pop, man of the people stuff. Others too should have stuck to what they do best, but instead we had Oaksey mixing uncomfortably with the open-top bus crowd, John Francome confusing broadcasting that appears effortless with broadcasting that is effortless and McCririck doing far too much shouting.

Lesley Graham, who is a much better broadcaster than some of her colleagues, proved characteristically game to play the token female, donning smart suit and veiled hat to introduce a rather token 60 seconds of Epsom fashions and then changing into jodhpurs and hard hat for her mounted interview with the winning jockey. The photo-finish, however, did for that. Willie Ryan was mono-syllabic before the result was called and after it was he ignored her — even though she had her microphone shoved under his nose. Later, the Epsom public address system would all but wreck the one really good idea of the day — ringing Landon Knight, the winning owner, at home in Ohio.

Somehow it seemed symptomatic of a team in need of a good shake-up, that the most polished broadcasting of the day came from John Gosden, the winning trainer, who managed to be witty, touching and gracious all at once and without stumbling at all. He put the majority of the Channel 4 Racing team to shame.

Derby coverage, pages 34, 35

SPORT IN BRIEF

Davies withstands Hjorth's challenge

LAURA DAVIES, the British golfer, maintained her record of winning at least one European Tour event each year since 1985 when she won the Danish Open at Vejle yesterday. Davies had a final round of 69, for an aggregate of 207, nine under par, to finish three strokes clear of Maria Hjorth, of Sweden. Karen Lunn, of Australia, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, shared third place.

Hjorth, who began the final day eight strokes behind, reduced the deficit to two after the 11th hole during a round of 64, a course record, that included six birdies and two eagles.

☐ Tommy Horton, the professional at Royal Jersey for the past 22 years, won the Jersey Seniors Open by six shots at La Moye yesterday.

Gotti's home triumph

CYCLING: Ivan Gotti yesterday became the first Italian in six years to win the Giro d'Italia as he led Pavel Tonkov, the defending champion, from Russia, by 1min 27sec at the end of the 22-stage race. "Supermario" Cipollini, a team-mate of Gotti with the Saeco commercial team, took the final stage, in Milan. The traditionally ceremonial final leg, 102 miles from the spa resort of Boario Terme to Milan, was a triumphant parade for Gotti, 28. He finished in the same time as the winner to precede Tonkov and Giuseppe Guerini, his compatriot, in the final overall standings.

McRae in pole position

MOTOR RALLYING: Alister McRae is refusing to be complacent about his chances of regaining the Mobil 1 British championship despite extending his lead in the series by winning the Scottish Rally. McRae, 26, leads the title race by eight points after heading a Volkswagen one-two in his home event. He is in pole position going into the final two rallies, in Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, to recapture the crown he claimed in 1995.

Fogarty stays in front

MOTORCYCLING: Carl Fogarty, of Great Britain, on a Ducati, stretched his overall lead in the world superbike championship by winning the second race of the fourth round at Hockenheim, in Germany. Fogarty, the former world champion, grabbed the lead as the riders entered the stadium section of the 4.22-mile circuit for the final time.

☐ Michael Doohan, of Australia, won the 500cc French Grand Prix, his fifth win out of six races this season.

Eights honours even

ROWING: Oxford Brookes and the Imperial College/University of London Composite shared the honours in open eights at the London Docklands Regatta. Brookes won convincingly on Saturday while the Composite held off a strong challenge from London to win by half a length yesterday.

Stern test for England

HOCKEY: England will face strong opposition from Pakistan, the holders, Australia and Spain in Pool B of the men's World Cup tournament to be staged at Utrecht, Holland, from May 21 to June 1 next year.

MEN'S WORLD CUP DRAW: Pool A: Canada, Germany, India, South Korea, Holland, New Zealand. Pool B: Australia, England, Malaysia, Pakistan, Poland, Spain

Lincolnshire's day

BOWLS: Lincolnshire, the Middleton Cup-holders, quelled a strong challenge from Nottinghamshire, the winners of the indoor title, the Liberty Trophy, in April, to prevail 121-106 at Cleethorpes yesterday. Cumbria, the 1995 champions, overcame Durham, their bogey team, at Dalston 134-105, and took 17 points.

Podkopayeva prevails

GYMNASTICS: Lilia Podkopayeva, the Olympic, world and European gymnastic champion from Ukraine, won the Welsh Open at Cardiff on Saturday with a comparatively low mark of 35.425. Suzanne Millham, of Leeds, took the silver. The twin brothers, Kevin and Andrew Atherton, of Telford, won gold and bronze in the men's event.

Consolation for Britain

HOCKEY: The Great Britain women's team made amends for a disappointing start in the Champion's Trophy in Berlin by beating the United States 3-0 yesterday to finish in fifth place. Two late goals ended American hopes of avenging a 2-1 defeat on Saturday. The young and inexperienced Britain squad had lost their first four matches.

POLO

Labegorce too strong in Queen's Cup win

By John Watson

LABEGORCE, who are put together by Hubert Perrodo, the France player, yesterday defeated Joe Gottschalk's Les Lions 8-6 in the high-goal, six-chukka Queen's Cup tournament at Smiths Lawn, Windsor. This match also counted for the Gerard Leigh Cup.

The famous Mexican combination of Carlos Gracida and Roberto Gonzalez, who form the central strength of Labegorce, quickly made the force of their partnership apparent, and Labegorce were leading 5-3 by treading-in time.

Labegorce are well known for their faithful backing-up and accuracy. A notable goal was smacked home in the second chukka by Perrodo, riding his speedy chestnut gelding, Rocky.

Ernesto Trotz, of Argentina, and Cody Forsyth, his New Zealand No 2, were increasingly making their talent felt for Les Lions, while Nicky Evans, their back, marked Gracida with close tenacity.In the fifth chukka, Les Lions equalised at 6-6.

Unfortunately, Trotz, who plays off a ten handicap, was hitting very wildly and missing many goal shots.

In the sixth chukka, a cross by Gottschalk resulted in a 40-yard penalty conversion from the mallet of Gracida, who scored again to give Labegorce their convincing victory.

In the second Queen's Cup match, Dubai defeated Calumet 17-8.

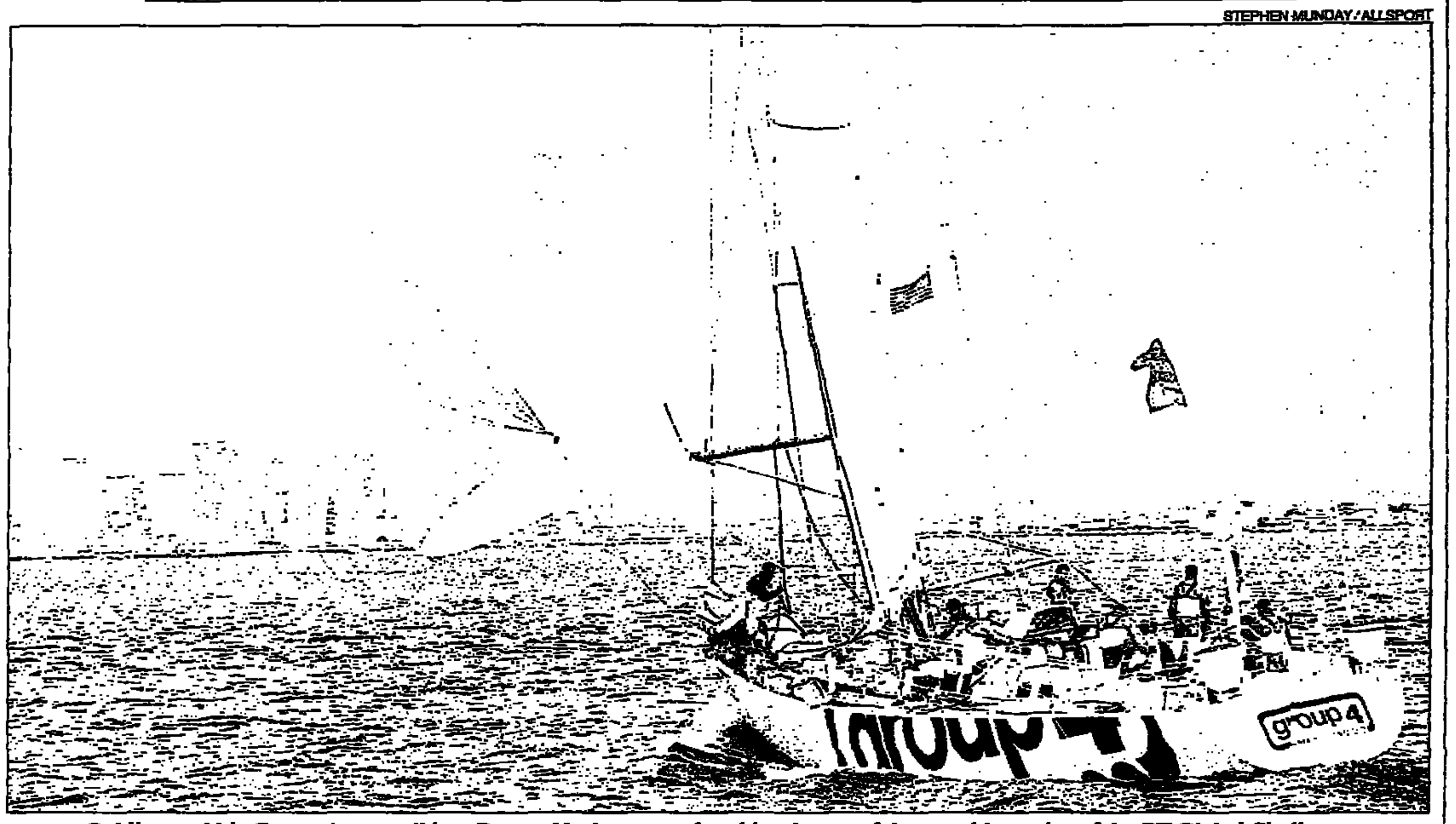
LABEGORCE: 1, H Perrodo (0), 2, R Gonzalez (7), 3, C Gracida (10); back, I Gonzales (5)

LES LIONS: 1, J Gottschalk (0), 2, C Forsyth (8), 3, E Trotz (10), back, N Evans (4)

CALUMET: 1, H Kwiatkowski (0), 2, J Hipwood (6), 3, H Barabucci (9); back, H Hipwood (8)

DUBAI: 1, A Albwardy (1); 2, J Astrada (8), 3, M Araujo (9), back, R Matthews (4)

SAILING: WINNING SKIPPER MARKS BOSTON ARRIVAL WITH ICED TEA PARTY



STEPHEN MUNDAY / ALLSPORT

Golding and his *Group 4* crew sail into Boston Harbour, comfortable winners of the penultimate leg of the BT Global Challenge

Golding scanning new horizons

From Michael Calvin
in Boston

MIKE GOLDING berthed in Boston Harbour and dutifully followed the conventions of celebration. He soaked his crew with champagne spray, pandered to the photographers by thrusting the winners' trophy to the heavens, and then, in the time honoured tradition of ocean racing, retired to the nearest bar to seek alcoholic oblivion.

His subsequent hangover yesterday morning, a painful tribute to the strength of Long Island Iced Tea, was as inevitable as his victory in the fifth leg of the BT Global Challenge, a 7,000-mile journey from Cape Town. Golding's yacht, *Group 4*, has been beaten only once in the nine months it has taken to reduce Chay Blyth's round the world race for amateur sailors to a procession.

No one doubts overall victory will be confirmed in Southampton next month, when the 14-boat fleet is due to complete its circumnavigation. But, for Golding, the scenes of exultation will be tinged by an awareness of the relevance of his achievement. He still has much to prove, not least to himself.

In a sense, he embodies the subtle change in Blyth's race, which was founded on the ethos of adventure. He has shaped his dominant amateur crew by distilling the lessons of professionalism, without easing the doubts of those who criticise the venture as little more than an exacting activity holiday.

"There is a need to move on, to move towards something with a more recognised professional status," he acknowledged. "But I'll not be content to do something half-cocked. I'm not going to bash together a typical British project, with the minimum of funding. They always end in trouble."

Sailing is a small, introspective world, and the patronage of Jorgen-Philip Sorensen, chairman of Group 4's global security empire, arouses envy. He funded Golding's unsuccessful Admiral's Cup campaign in 1995, which was seized upon by the former fireman's critics as evidence of his inability to break into the sport's elite.

"To learn how to win you've got to learn from defeat," Golding reasoned. "Sure, I'm aware that some people are happy to see me fail. They just see me as some guy who has fallen on his feet. It's part of the game, and I won't change those attitudes until, in their eyes, I get out there and do it."

He is entering a crowded marketplace. Round the world sailing, rather like struggling to the summit of Everest, has become self-defeatingly fashionable. There are no fewer than seven round the world races on the calendar, and the casual observer finds difficulty in distinguishing between Blyth's Challenge series and its professional equivalent, the Whitbread.

Golding's most realistic option is a single-handed project, like next year's Around Alone race. The most romantic alternative is The Race, a French-inspired non-stop circumnavigation which, with its conspicuous lack of design rules, is being marketed as an event that matches the spirit of the millennium

"That will be outrageous," Golding said, with an ill-disguised sense of relish. For all the horrors of the Southern Ocean, it has a magnetic attraction for men blessed with a distinctive spirit. Calculated risks are seductive, even if his memories of the fourth leg of the BT race, from Sydney to Cape Town, are disturbingly fresh.

"There were times then when we were out of control.I was sitting at the chart table, with my knuckles going white, because I knew if the wind gained another knot we'd be in real trouble. But, if I'm honest, part of the buzz of what we do is taking things to the very edge without losing the plot.

"We are pushing these boats to the limit. You have only to look at the amount of rig damage incurred to see that. But the race has changed. It's lost its innocence. The cameraderie is there, but it only emerges when we're at sea and push comes to shove. Then we all realise we've only got each other to rely on. I love that, but I know it is time to move on."

DETAILS

LATEST POSITIONS (as at 13 54 GMT yesterday): 1, Group 4 (finished June 7, 13 18 46); 2, Motorola (finished yesterday, 05.42 15); 3, Toshiba Wave Warrior (24 miles to Boston); 4, Courtaulds International (49 miles), 5, Concert (72), 6, Save The Children (75); 7, Commercial Union (86); 8, Global Teamwork (142); 9, Nuclear Electric (142), 10, Pause To Remember (252), 11, Heath Insured II (319), 12, Ocean Rover (361), 13, 3Com (409); 14, Time & Tide (531)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Claymores suffer title setback

Scottish Claymores........ 9
London Monarchs........ 10

By Richard Wetherell

THE Scottish Claymores' hopes of retaining their World League title now rest, ironically, with London Monarchs after this result at Murrayfield yesterday. With Rhein Fire out in front on their own on 6-3, the Claymores (5-4) must beat Barcelona Dragons away next week and hope that the Monarchs beat Rhein in London.

That would still not be enough for the Claymores, however, as the tie-break would then go to points difference, and the Fire have the advantage. The combined wins must total 50 points for the Claymores to go to Barcelona to the World Bowl in two weeks' time.

In a game typical of their season — low scoring and lacking in offensive spark — it was a missed field goal by Kari Gronroos, late in the third quarter, that ultimately cost Claymores the game against the Monarchs.

The Monarchs opened the scoring with Tony Vinson running in for a two-yard touchdown. The Claymores cut the lead with a Gronroos 30-yard field goal, but Clive Allen re-established the seven-point lead with a short field goal of his own.

Despite starting on their own 28-yard line, and with only 45 seconds remaining in the first half, the Claymores got Gronroos close enough to make the score 6-10 at half-time. He closed the gap to a single point in the third quarter, but the Claymores were unable to add the vital points against a determined and well-organised London defence.

Rhein moved into prime position to reach their first World Bowl with a 24-0 win against Amsterdam on Saturday. Barcelona, though, lost their fourth consecutive game since ensuring that they would host that game, by dint of having the best record in the first half of the season.

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ATHLETICS

Backley again fails to steal Zelezny's thunder

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

STEVE BACKLEY, who believes that he is in the best physical shape of his life, was unable to match Jan Zelezny yesterday in the first javelin competition of the season between the Olympic gold and silver medal-winners. As competitors in the International Amateur Athletic Federation Grand Prix in Moscow had to contend with atrocious weather, Zelezny defeated Backley by three metres.

This was the second grand prix meeting in four days to be staged in pouring rain. Zelezny was some seven metres down on his best of the season, recording 86.92 metres. Backley, second with 83.90 metres, was five metres short of his winning mark in Latvia a week earlier.

"Steve will be disappointed throwing that distance, no matter the conditions," John Trower, Backley's coach, said. "Credit to Jan for throwing that well in horrible weather."

Backley, the Commonwealth and European champion, now faces a series of competitions against Zelezny, the world No 1 from the Czech Republic, over the next few weeks, including one at Sheffield in the British Grand Prix on June 29.

When the Great Britain team for the European Cup in Munich on June 21 and 22 is announced today, Backley will be among those from whom maximum points will be expected, especially as the Czech Republic has not qualified. While there are several events likely to yield British winners, it is an occasion when the result depends just as much on relatively unsung athletes.

While the British women have little chance of victory, the men are the most likely of the seven visiting nations to challenge Germany. One key area is the middle distances and there was heartening news for the selectors, who were informed that John Mayock, Anthony Whiteman and Rob Denmark were all available, to cover the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 metres.

Mayock confirmed his form yesterday, finishing second in the Moscow 1,500 metres behind William Tanui. Tanui recorded 3min 36.87sec, Mayock 3min 37.21sec. Britain's only winner was Ashia Hansen, splashing her way to 14.24 metres in the triple jump. Sally Gunnell maintained her race-by-race improvement in the 400 metres hurdles, placing second behind Tatyana Tereshchuk with 55.30sec.

CYCLING

Millar stages masterclass

By Peter Bryan

ROBERT MILLAR, the only Briton to win the King of the Mountains title in the Tour de France and now, in semi-retirement, national road coach, entered the 111-mile BP Chemicals Five Valleys race based on Port Talbot yesterday. He thought it would give him a more rewarding look at his charges as part of the peloton than possible from a following car. It was his idea of a masterclass in the saddle.

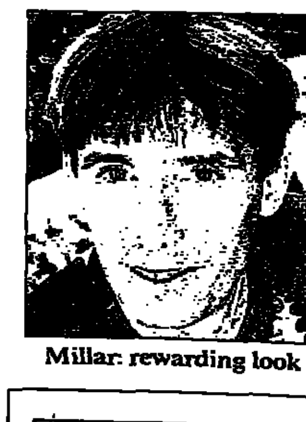
"I'll climb off before the finish," he said at the start, and he was as good as his word, although not before winning the first of five mountain climbs, at Bwlch — "while I was still fresh" — and staying with a breakaway group of 17 that formed 30 miles into the race.

The fugitives stayed clear until the group started entering the finishing circuit.

The leading pack shrank to five riders and, in the dash for the line, Chris Walker, a former Milk Race winner, used his sprinting strength to outpace John Tanner and clinch a hard day's racing in the Welsh mountains and the rain. It was a repeat victory for Walker, who won last year.

For Tanner there was the compensation of holding on to his lead in the Premier Calendar Series, of which the race was the ninth of 16.

Yvonne McGregor's championship record of 54min 37sec in the 25-mile title trial near Cambridge yesterday augurs well for her attempt on June 18 to regain the world one hour record which she lost last October to Jeannie Longo, of France.



Millar: rewarding look

Once McGregor reached the halfway point more than two minutes faster than Maxine Johnson, her closest challenger, the ultimate destination of the title was hardly in doubt — barring mechanical failure.

A stiff south-easterly provided a headwind finish to the final seven miles, but McGregor maintained her 27mph pace to beat Johnson by 4min 28sec and win the championship for the third year in succession.

Graeme Obree, disenchanted by a lack of grant support this year, ended his controversial career, which has included two world pursuit titles, but he failed to gain any victories in, reportedly, his last track competition, at Dundee on Saturday.

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GOLF

Rivals swept aside by brilliance of Montgomerie

By Mel Webb

THIS was not just the final round of a golf tournament, it was more like a royal procession. Colin Montgomerie produced a performance that was majestic even by his own exalted standards to win the Compaq European Grand Prix yesterday. For three rounds at Slaley Hall he was merely awesome; on this final day his game was so close to perfection as to make no difference.

Montgomerie had said before the tournament started that 16 under par would be good enough to win on a course that is easy to look at but much more difficult to play. It would have been, too, for Montgomerie's 65, for a total of 270, 18 under par, gave him victory by five shots from Retief Goosen, the defending champion, who was the only other player in the field to beat 70 in all four rounds.

Lee Westwood, so calm and poised for one so young, was third on 12 under par and was by no means disgraced by his 70 in this final round. It was only when set beside the course record of Montgomerie, his playing partner in the last match, that his performance paled into insignificance.

The £40,690 that Westwood won edged him ever closer to a place in the Europe Ryder Cup team. He will be up to it, both in technique and temperament. Montgomerie, on the other hand, could have left Northumbria without a penny piece in his pocket and done his Cup chances no harm, but he had other, more immediate reasons for wanting to do well.

Like Westwood, Montgomerie leaves today for steamy Maryland. By tomorrow morning he will be taking his first look at Congressional Golf Club in Bethesda, where the US Open starts on Thursday. It is a title that Montgomerie unashamedly covets, for he knows that the demands of length and accuracy that all US Open courses make of would-be champions suit his game to a tee.

He chose to play at Slaley Hall instead of crossing the Atlantic early and tuning up by appearing in the Kemper Open. The conditions that he encountered were not to be directly compared with what will confront him in the United States, especially on the greens; Slaley's were slow by US standards, Congressional's will be lightning-fast. What he wanted above anything else was competition, the opportunity to be a contender for 72 holes. He was all of that, and much more.

Montgomerie had only two bogeys in four rounds, a statistic that, this time, told a good deal of the story. The most potent part of his game is his straightness: the first of his two dropped shots was yielded when he hit the ball directly over the pin with one club too many on Friday, and the second when it was getting dark on Saturday evening. To say that he was impressive would be to understate the case by a factor of about ten.

For all his brilliance, he was not without a challenge. Goosen, the quiet South African who obviously has an affinity for Slaley Hall, twice closed to within two shots. Montgomerie was playing winning golf and everybody knew it, but Goosen was an irritant, a pretender who would not go away.

Montgomerie had to content himself with doing little more than hold his position to the turn, which he reached in 35 courtesy of a 20-foot birdie putt at the 8th. At that point, he could yet have been caught. Hope probably still sprang from the breasts of Westwood and Goosen. It was not long before hope became hopeless.

The European No1 had given himself a stiff talking-to on Saturday evening, badgering himself to get the ball to the hole more often on greens that were on the slow side of medium-paced. He succeeded beyond his wildest dreams.

Montgomerie birdied the 10th, when he put his second shot to six inches, then two-putted from 18 feet to pick up another shot at the 12th. The tempo was picking up, his control almost frightening in its intensity as he birdied the 14th, 16th, 17th and 18th from distances that varied from 12 to 35 feet.

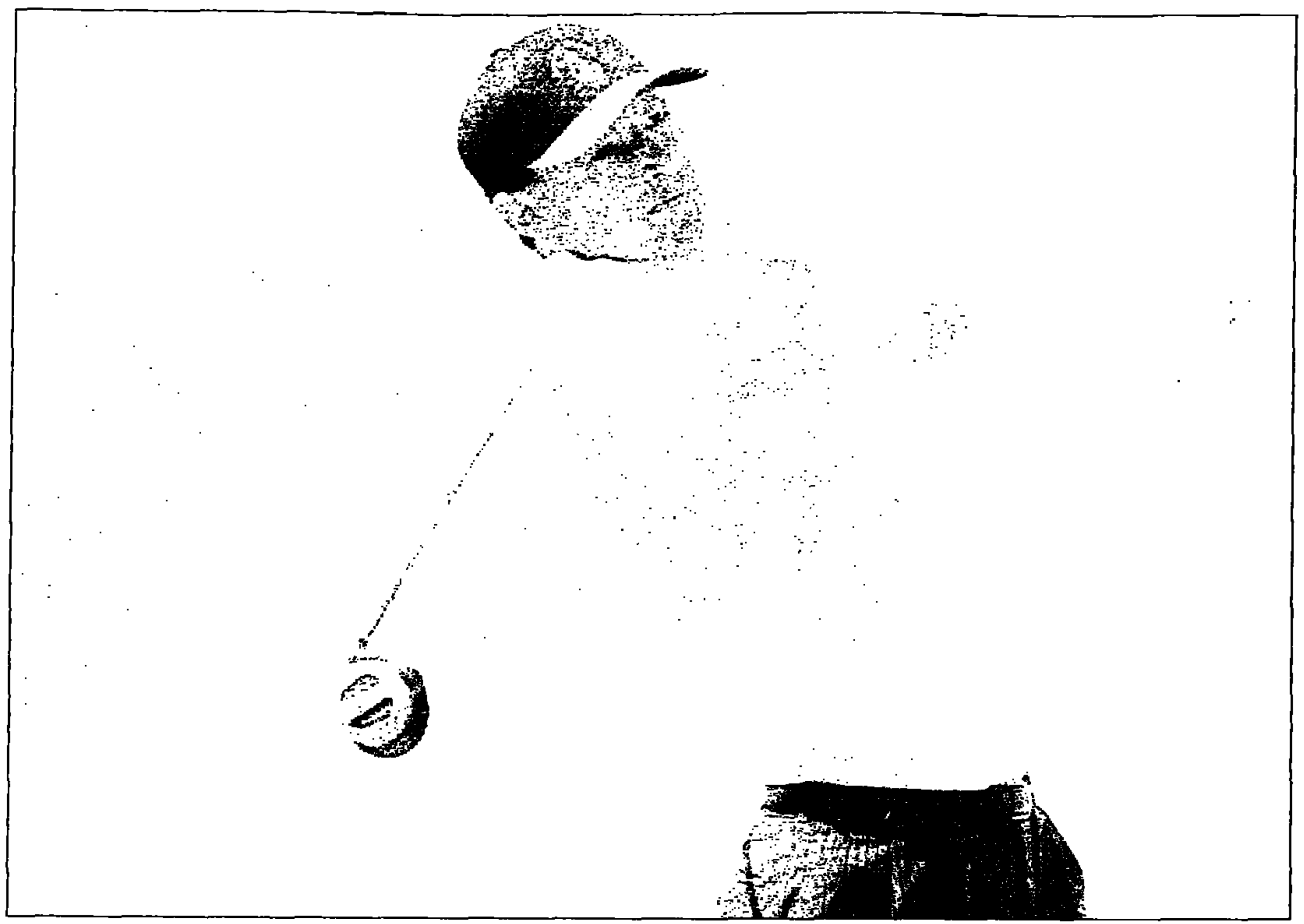
It was a wondrous run of putts, a magnificent sequence of birdies: seven of them in the last 11 holes. Back in 30, a thirteenth European Tour win, another £108,330 in the bank. When Montgomerie has the muse with him, he is irresistible. This was one of those glorious days.

SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

270: C Montgomerie 69, 68, 68, 65. 275: R Goosen (SA) 69, 69, 68, 69. 276: L Westwood 70, 70, 66, 70. 278: D Gilford 71, 69, 69, 69; S Henderson 69, 71, 68, 70. 280: J Spence 69, 72, 67, 72; R Wessels (SA) 71, 69, 73, 67; J Robson 72, 68, 70, 70; J Mellor 71, 72, 67, 70; D Carter 69, 70, 70, 71. 281: S Allan (Aus) 72, 71, 69, 69; P McGinley 73, 71, 67, 70; S Torrance 72, 71, 67, 71. 282: J-L Guepy (Fr) 73, 71, 70, 68; N Briggs 70, 70, 70, 72; R McFarlane 72, 69, 68, 73. 283: G Sherry 73, 72, 69, 69; P Lawrie 70, 69, 72, 72. 284: B Lane 70, 68, 76, 70; P Hedblom (Swe) 71, 72, 71, 70; E Canonica (It) 68, 73, 72, 71; R Coles 70, 70, 72, 72; P Golding 73, 68, 71, 72; J Lomas 74, 70, 68, 72; G Evans 72, 68, 71, 73. 285: M Goggin (Aus) 72, 71, 72, 70; M Long (NZ) 71, 73, 71, 70; F Andersson (Swe) 67, 73, 74, 71; D Cooper 72, 72, 71, 70; J Wade (Aus) 71, 72, 71, 71; P Hampton 67, 74, 72, 72; F Jacobson (Swe) 70, 70, 72, 73; M Tunnicliff 73, 69, 69, 74; I Folo (Sp) 71, 68, 71, 75.

Montgomerie's precision earned him a five-shot victory


Craig Watson, of Scotland, unleashes a drive on his way to victory in the final of the Amateur Championship. Photograph: Michael Powell

Watson spoils the magic for Immelman

By John Hopkins
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IN TIME, Trevor Immelman will come to appreciate that the virtues gained from defeat are as useful as, perhaps more useful than, the plaudits acquired in victory. For now, though, losing the final of the Amateur Championship to Craig Watson at Royal St George's after being two up and seemingly well in control with one round remaining will take some coming to terms with.

The margin of Watson's victory was 3 and 2 and the moment of it came at about 4.30 on a glorious afternoon. The magnificent links at Sandwich were blessed by sunshine and brushed by a firm wind that had freshened considerably since the morning round. There was a seemly gathering of several hundred spectators, some wearing straw hats, some baseball caps and some no caps at all. Men carried their jackets slung over their shoulders. Though Watson probably thought this patch of Kent as magical as any place outside Scotland can be, the sheer beauty counted for nought for Immelman.

Immelman, who will not be 18 until December, looked close to tears after he had shaken hands with Watson on the 34th green. "Yes," Immelman said disconsolately, "I have learnt something this week. You cannot make it to the final of the Amateur and not learn anything, but right now I am not sure what it is. It is a long flight back to South Africa. I will have plenty of time to think."

DETAILS

FINAL (36 holes): C Watson (East Renfrewshire) bt T Immelman (South Africa) 3 and 2

It was all there for Immelman, who looks, talks, dresses and plays like a professional. Victory in the Amateur would have made him the youngest winner in the event's 112-year history and it would not have been inappropriate to be writing about a 17-year-old amateur prodigy breaking a 100-year-old tradition just days before turning our attention to the US Open and to whether or not Tiger Woods, a 21-year-old prodigy who himself has only been out of the amateur ranks for less than a year, can win the second of the year's four major championships.

Watson's serene bearing and temperament, willowy swing and his firmness with a broomhandle putter proved too steady for the youngster. It helped Watson that he had Barclay Howard, Britain's best amateur, in the unaccustomed role of counsellor, confidant, mentor and joker — and caddie. Doing the right things at the right time and putting beautifully was the recipe for Watson, and though it did not bring him a single birdie it did yield a lot of pars.

Watson has a slow backswing, one similar to Gordon J Brand's. He does not have the power to overwhelm a course, certainly not one that measures nearly 7,000 yards, and several times he hit wild strokes in which one hand came off the club almost in disgust. But he would not let Immelman get away, notably towards the end of the morning round. Watson holed a good putt on the the 18th to be only two down and then won three of the first four holes after lunch.

Watson went two up on the 28th when his ball hit a spectator's haversack, preventing it from bounding over the green, while Immelman perished in the same greenside bunker as Tom Kite had in the 1985 Open. Kite one-putted for a seven then: Immelman had four attempts to get out before conceding the hole.

Another good putt on the 30th helped Watson, 31, and when he survived the drive on the 32nd where the previous day he had hit two out of bounds into Prince's golf course, the title was his for the taking. The prizes of a place in the Open next month, and in the Masters next year and almost certainly in the Walker Cup against the United States in August were all kept in the back of his mind. He had a job to complete and, thanks to his ungainly putter, he did it. He was the third Scot to win since Stephen Dundas at Carnoustie in 1992.

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Faldo finds best form at opportune time

NICK FALDO'S build-up for the US Open, at the nearby Congressional Country Club in Bethesda this week, continued smoothly as he moved to within four shots of the lead after three rounds of the Kemper Open in Potomac, Maryland.

Faldo sank a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th for a 68 and a total of 206, four under par and within striking distance of Mark Wiebe, the American journeyman professional, whose 66 helped him to 202. Mike Springer, his compatriot, separates Wiebe and Faldo on 205 after a 67.

Wiebe, who has missed the cut in 13 tournaments this season, has now played 42 consecutive holes without dropping a shot and went into the final round last night seeking his first victory in 11 years, but said that he would not be intimidated by having Faldo on his heels. "I think if we're intimidated, we don't have a chance," he said. "If anything, it's more exciting."

A powerful field was unable to make similar headway in difficult, windy conditions. Greg Norman and Tom Lehman, both one stroke adrift at the start of the day, recorded 73s to fall eight shots off the pace. Nick Price, who returned a 72, and José María Olazábal (71), are also eight adrift.

The key hole was the 166-yard downhill 9th, where Lehman and Loren Roberts ruined potentially fine rounds with double-bogeys when the wind took their tee-shots into the stream that hugs the green on the right. Faldo avoided the water, but landed in a valley on the other side of the green and dropped a shot. Wiebe sank a 25-foot putt to open a two-shot lead.

Lisa Hackney, the Briton in her first season on the LPGA Tour, recorded a 68, four under par, to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the Oldsmobile Classic at the Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing, Michigan.

"I have made quite a few putts the last few days and perhaps that's the difference in the position I'm in now and the position I was in last week," Hackney, 29, who had finished fourth in a tournament in St Louis, said.

Hackney, the winner of the Welsh Open last year, had three birdies on the back nine, including a 40-foot putt on the last, after opening rounds of 68 and 71.

Faldo: in contention

Amateurs pay the price of professionalism

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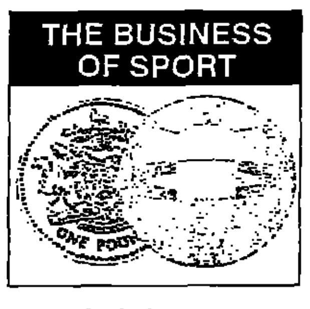

Berti Vogts's invitation to England to play Germany in a one-off fixture for the right to host the 2006 World Cup has rightly been treated by the Football Association as a rare outbreak of German humour. The FA argues that the decision on which Uefa country should be put forward as the World Cup contender must be based on the quality of the bid, not of the football team. The FA can point to its own experience in successfully hosting the European championship last year, and the quality of the country's grounds, as evidence of its suitability to host the World Cup.

While the FA can boast a coherent approach in recent years, most of the governing bodies of sport in this country remain trapped in a time warp. Sir Rodney Walker, the chairman of the English Sports Council and the man tipped to take over a new, enhanced, UK Sports Council, launched a stinging attack on the management of British sport earlier this year. He claimed that too often governing bodies continue to cling to amateurish ideals, rewarding long service and not talent. Sir Rodney warned that outside funding, such as lottery money, may be withheld in future unless governing bodies are prepared to adopt a more professional approach.

Athletics, as some within the sport are admitting, is especially vulnerable to Sir Rodney's threat. The sport has been suffering from a civil war, fought out between the British Athletic Federation and the Amateur Athletic Association, over which body controls the allocation of lottery and television money. It has taken the formation of an athletes' association to try to restore some discipline. Without significant reform, however, athletics remains a long way from being able to bid for the world championships early next century.

Richard Baldwin, a sports specialist for Deloitte Touche, the accountants, believes the problems that have beset athletics are common to many governing bodies. Even minority sports are enjoying a greater influx of lottery and sponsorship money, while the rise of televised sport has resulted in more television cash becoming available. This has created an inevitable tension between the new money-driven realities of sport and the old-fashioned management structures that still predominate in the country's sporting institutions. Baldwin believes that only a revolution in the way governing bodies manage themselves will enable sport to take advantage of the new opportunities.

Not surprisingly, this involves adopting a more business-like approach to management. Governing bodies need to produce development plans to ensure that they have a clear vision for the distribution of the new funds. Baldwin argues that the money will need to be split three ways: to help develop the "elite" performers, improve facilities and encourage grass-roots participation. Ensuring effective distribution will also require an efficient executive, preferably staffed by full-time managers. A professional chief executive would ensure not only the smooth delivery of money, but, by cutting down on the intervention of unwieldy committees that have normally run sport, also avoid much of the traditional in-fighting.

The governing bodies have one further incentive to reform. The Government would be far more likely to grant tax concessions to an efficiently-run sport sector. The abolition of corportation tax, a reduction in VAT rates on match tickets and partial exemption from business rates would add a further financial boost to the nation's sports. Even well run organisations such as the FA would benefit, finding themselves better able to offer more internationally competitive bids for leading tournaments. Until all of sport has put its house in order, however, the Treasury, never a body to give away money lightly, will have an excuse to refuse any special privileges.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

TRIATHLON

Van Lierde takes on the title role

LUC VAN LIERDE, of Belgium, unified the two existing long-distance triathlon titles by winning the International Triathlon Union long distance world championships in Nice on Saturday. He clinched the Hawaii Ironman last October (Ian Sweet writes). Innes Estedt, who, like Van Lierde was the defending champion at Nice, won Germany's first triathlon world title, claiming the women's gold medal.

The Belgian controlled the race coming out of the water, with the lead group of four headed by Yves Cordier, who resides in Nice. From there, though, Van Lierde took over the lead and was never threatened by another competitor. He crossed the line in a time of 5hr 35min 44sec, some four minutes quicker than his winning time last year.

It looked like just another day in the office for Van Lierde, who said: "It may have looked like that, but the last half-hour on the bike and the first ten kilometres on the run were difficult as I was not feeling great."

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RACING: CROWDS FLOCKED BACK TO EPSOM ON SATURDAY TO WITNESS BENNY THE DIP'S MEMORABLE VICTORY

New Derby draws power from popular vote

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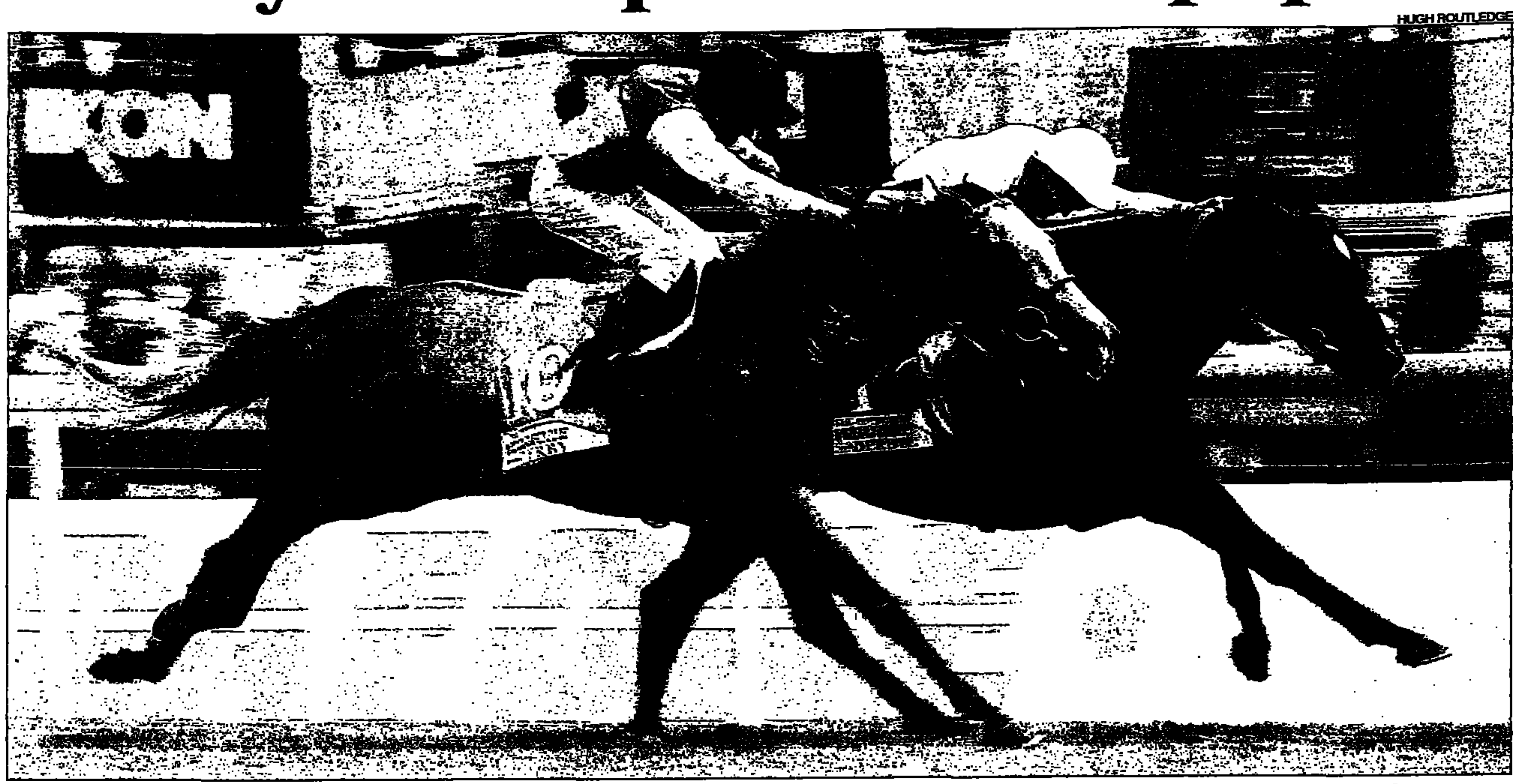

Benny The Dip, far side, gallops on resolutely to hold Silver Patriarch by a short head in a pulsating finish to the Vodafone Derby at Epsom on Saturday

THE unexplained defeat of *Entrepreneur may mean the* wonder horse tag, dusted down with undue haste by the foolish and feckless, such as myself, remains locked away for another year.

Never mind, the thrilling success of Benny The Dip and Willie Ryan at Epsom on Saturday helped to provide racing with something exciting and precious. The Derby is back. Or, perhaps, it would be politically correct to say New Derby has arrived.

After more than a decade of ineffective or complacent management, which allowed the world's most prestigious Flat race to decline and be tainted by ordinariness, the crowd of 72,000, which flocked to the Downs on Saturday, signalled a turning point in the race's fortunes.

BIG-RACE RESULT

3.45 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £595,250: 1m 4f 10yd)
BENNY THE DIP b c Silver Hawk - Rascal Rascal (Landon Knight) 9-0 W Ryan (11-1) 1.
Silver Patriarch gr c Saddlers' Hall - Early Rising (P Winfield) 9-0 Pat Eddery (6-1) 2.
Romanov b c Nureyev - Morning Devotion (R Sangster) 9-0 J Reid (25-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Entrepreneur (4th), 12 Cloudings, Fahris (6th), The Fly (5th), 20 Bold Demand, 33 Single Empire, Symonds Inn, 40 Musalsal, 66 Crystal Hearted, 150 Papua. 13 ran. NR Tanaasa. Sh hd, 5l, 3½l, 3l, 1l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £8.90, £2.30, £2.00, £4.30. DF £20.40. Trio £118.60. CSF £68.26.

The occasion produced the atmosphere that has been so lacking in recent times. In addition, the Tote on-course betting was up 37 per cent and, significantly, was higher than for the 1994 Derby, the last staged on a Wednesday.

Surely, even the diehards who have been campaigning for the race to be returned to its "traditional" midweek slot will have to acknowledge an uncomfortable truth. The Saturday Derby is working.

However, management alone was not responsible for the Saturday success. A thrilling finish, with a short head separating Benny The Dip and Silver Patriarch, helped and should have whetted the appetite of newcomers to the Derby.

This year's Derby was also a victory for Britain's favourite breed of person: the underdog. The winner belongs to Landon Knight, a comparatively small-time owner-breeder from Ohio, the state also responsible for Roberto, the 1973 Derby winner and grandsire of Benny The Dip.

Knight does not possess the bottomless bank accounts of sheikhs and princes but, like Peter Winfield, the runner-up's owner, he has enjoyed a horse or two in training and dreaming of glory. Then there was John Gosden, proud as punch in the winner's enclosure, as he recalled how his father "Towser" had come so close to training a Derby winner. "He trained Charlottown as a two-year-old and stood here [in 1966] and watched him win the Derby through ill health and died quite soon afterwards. So this one is for my father."

Ironically, it was Gosden who had predicted in the build-up to the Derby, albeit for different reasons, that people were in for a "special treat" on Saturday. As a founder member of the Entrepreneur fan club who held severe doubts about the stamina of his own charge, he was convinced this year's classic would be out of the ordinary.

Speaking before he saddled Ryafan in the French Oaks yesterday, Gosden said: "The one thing that really impressed me when I walked the course well before the first was reaching Tattenham Corner and seeing people packed on either side. Looking at the infield and the fair, it was extraordinary. I could not believe the transformation. The place was alive and pulsating. There was a real party atmosphere. It seemed to be the people's race again."

That was very much the intention behind the strategy adopted by Sue Ellen, chief executive of United Racecourses, when she was brought in little over a year ago to revamp the Derby. "We have always said the Derby is not like Royal Ascot; it is not a big corporate event. There is an element of that but you have to get in the different strands of people — that is what makes the Derby special," she said yesterday.

"We marketed it differently and we had a campaign which, perhaps, the Derby has not had before. We had poster sites all round London and whether you liked the conga jingle or not, if you tuned in to radio during the last two weeks you heard about the Derby.

"I think the day was an undoubted success. It was probably everything we hoped for. The weather was brilliant, there was a tremendous finish and there was a story and some character behind the first two horses home. A winner for the Queen on the same day, with Frankie jumping off in the winner's enclosure, was too good to be true.

"This has put the race back on the map. It shows we can compete with the cricket and everything else. We have turned the corner and have something to build on. I hope this puts paid to the Wednesday/Saturday debate — and the numbers debate. What we have to do now is look at quality of service, rather than quantity of people. We had to close the grandstand before the big race because it was so full of people. They could not get around or be serviced properly."

Christopher Spence, chairman of the Epsom race committee, added: "Sue and her team deserve the highest possible praise. What we have shown is that it is possible to get a decent and growing crowd on Saturday. Our plan was to establish whether or not you should have the race when most people could come or watch on television.

"The television numbers will be interesting but at least we know people will come if you market the race properly and that has always been racing's weakness, because it is a big event. Even some of the diehards must be thinking twice now."

The question which remains is whether Vodafone will renew its sponsorship of the Derby. A decision is likely to be made shortly and there have been indications that the decision will hinge on the number of viewers who tuned in to Channel 4 on Saturday. I hope Sir Ernest Harrison and Chris Gent, chairman and chief executive respectively of Vodafone, take a wider view and recognise the potential benefits which will flow to their company from continuing to back an event which is very much on the up.

The Derby is not alone in *surviving the bad times.* As John Gosden plans to send Benny The Dip to the Irish Derby for a likely rematch with Silver Patriarch, he still remembers vividly the highly personalised attack made on his ability as a trainer less than a year ago — since when he has trained two classic winners. "You must never lose heart or be put off your stride. Like a good boxer, if you can't ride the punches you should not be in the ring."

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PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 **CUMBRIAN CADET** (nap)
3.15 She's Simply Great
3.45 Bollin Harry
4.15 Forest Robin
4.45 Captain McCloy
5.15 Bubble Wings

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.45 JUNE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,682: 5f) (15 runners)

101	(4)	03	CUMBRIAN CADET 14 (Cumbrian Ind) T Easterby 8-8	J Carroll	86
102	(12)	500	SNAPPY TIMES 7 (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 8-8	A Clark	–
103	(10)	2	TANGERINE FLYER 10 (Pet Express Ltd) J Berry 8-8	P Roberts (5)	88
104	(1)	0	VELVET STORY 12 (P Grundy) N Tinkler 8-8	Kim Tinkler	–
105	(2)		HEATHYARDS SHEIK (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 8-5	F Lynch	–
106	(15)		MYSTERY MAN (N Greening) P Haslam 8-5	J Fortune	–
107	(7)	060	RUSSIAN ROMEO 11 (R Bedding) B McMahon 8-5	P Fessey (3)	63
108	(6)	0	SUPER RASCAL 39 (Guy, Hart, Phynne & Slater) N Littmoden 8-5	T G McLaughlin	–
109	(3)		CELTIC COMFORT (A Brookes) P Haslam 8-3	L Charnock	–
110	(11)	002	EUROFEN 12 (V) (R Mason) P Evans 8-3	J F Egan	▣
111	(9)	04	SCOTCH TIME 7 (B) (J Ritchie) R Fahey 8-3	F Norton	78
112	(14)	2	TAMERIN BAY 23 (P Asquith) R Boss 8-3	G Duffield	98
113	(13)		MARIANA (D Bass) R Whitaker 8-0	D Wright	–
114	(5)		PITCHMARK (T Scothern) E Weymes 7-12	J Quinn	–
115	(8)		TINA KNOWS (D Campbell) J Eyre 7-12	T Williams	–

BETTING: 7-2 Tamerin Bay, 5-1 Cumbrian Cadet, 6-1 Tangerine Flyer, 8-1 Scotch Time, 10-1 Eurofen, 12-1 Mystery Man, 14-1 others.

1996: CLASS DISTINCTION 8-5 R Perham (6-4 fav) R Hannon 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUMBRIAN CADET about 1l 3rd of 12 to Sanside in auction novice at Redcar (5f, good to firm) with SNAPPY TIMES about 9l 9th. TANGERINE FLYER ¾l 2nd of 10 to Oh Never Again in maiden at Wolverhampton (6f, AW). RUSSIAN ROMEO 6½l 6th of 12 to Piccolo Calvo in auction maiden at Southwell (5f, AW). EUROFEN head 2nd of 6 to Arm And A Leg in seller at Yarmouth (5f, firm). SCOTCH TIME about 5¾l 4th of 11 to Jacmar in auction maiden at Hamilton (6f, good to firm) with SNAPPY TIMES (3lb better off) 5¾l 10th. TAMERIN BAY ¾l 2nd of 13 to Shawdon in auction maiden at Nottingham (6f, good).
Selection: TAMERIN BAY

3.15 DEWSBURY SELLING STAKES
(£2,406: 1m 2f 6yd) (14 runners)

201	(5)	0-0035	ANCHOR VENTURE 10 (F Chao) S Woods 4-9-4	W Ryan	▣
202	(4)	00-035	BOLD TOP 4 (D) (Mrs G Spink) B Rothwell 5-9-4	J F Egan	93
203	(1)	06-205	DIAMOND CROWN 9 (D,F) (J Pickup) M Wane 6-9-4	J Carroll	92
204	(14)	0-4400	DINO'S MISTRAL 21 (B) (F Lee) F Lee 4-9-4	J Weaver	78
205	(7)	0	PAPERWORK PETE 10 (Paper Boys) W Storey 5-9-4	S Whitworth	–
206	(6)	-00305	RIVER RUN 14 (D,F,G) (C Lynch) R Hollinshead 5-9-4	F Lynch	93
207	(8)	0/0-64	THAT OLD FEELING 10 (F) (T Rodman) D Chapman 5-9-4	A Culhane	96
208	(2)	0	LAKE ARIA 11 (Mrs M Nealby) Mrs A Naughton 4-8-13	J Bramhill (5)	–
209	(11)	000-0	MUSTARD 7 (Exors of G Turner) A Mulholland 4-8-13	D Wright	–
210	(12)	066400	PERSIAN SUNSET 4 (M Moule) Miss J Bower 5-8-13	P Fessey (3)	92
211	(13)	2026-0	SHE'S SIMPLY GREAT 44 (P Mayo) J J O'Neill 4-8-13	R Hughes	93
212	(9)	00-50	DIGITAL OPTION 14 (Charlton Bloodstock) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5	J Fortune	88
213	(3)		SHOWSTOPPER (C Moreno) T Etherington 3-8-5	L Charnock	–
214	(10)	666-06	VICTORY AT HART 13 (A Phillips) D Morris 3-8-5	P Bloomfield	82

BETTING: 3-1 Digital Option, 9-2 Diamond Crown, 13-2 That Old Feeling, 7-1 Bold Top, 8-1 River Run, 10-1 Anchor Venture, 12-1 others.

1996: NORTH ARDAR 6-9-3 S Copp (4-5 fav) Mrs M Reveley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANCHOR VENTURE 8l 3rd of 6 to Smart Boy in limited stakes at Lingfield (1m 2f, AW). BOLD TOP 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Heathyards Rock in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). DIAMOND CROWN 7l 5th of 14 to Power Game in handicap at Musselburgh (1m, good to firm). RIVER RUN 6¾l 5th of 19 to Arzani in selling handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good). THAT OLD FEELING about 8¾l 4th of 11 to Globetrotter in claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 1f 79yd, AW). PERSIAN SUNSET 4¾l 4th of 10 to Esperto in seller at Nottingham (1m 2f, good).
Selection: DIAMOND CROWN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Quinn	3	15	20.0	G Faulkner	3	13	23.1
S Woods	3	15	20.0	W Ryan	19	88	21.6
Mrs J Ramsden	35	183	19.1	J F Egan	3	18	16.7
D Morris	4	23	17.4	Alex Greaves	4	32	12.5
F Lee	3	24	12.5	J Quinn	11	95	11.6
J Berry	10	100	10.0	J Fortune	16	147	10.9

3.45 TAVERN GROUP HANDICAP
(£7,895: 6f) (14 runners)

301	(2)	5030-0	SASEEDO 54 (CD,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 7-10-0	Emma O'Gorman	90
302	(7)	022001	ZIGGY'S DANCER 5 (D,F,G) (J Barry) E Alston 6-9-11 (6ex)	A Culhane	94
303	(8)	210-00	MALLIA 23 (D,G) (H Duddin) T Barron 4-9-4	L Charnock	89
304	(9)	-44062	SWINO 23 (F) (Swinnerton Transport) P Evans 3-9-4	J F Egan	92
305	(5)	051614	FIRST MAITE 16 (B,D,G) (S Bowring) S Bowring 4-8-3	S Webster	93
306	(11)	000103	SO INTREPID 9 (D,F,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 7-8-13	J Weaver	98
307	(14)	214002	CIM BOM BOM 10 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Y Birol) M Bell 5-8-11	G Faulkner (5)	91
308	(6)	5-1000	FRENCH GRIT 10 (D,F) (M Wilson) M Dods 5-8-9	A Clark	▣
309	(1)	000-40	BOLLIN HARRY 42 (CD,F,G) (N Westbrook) T Easterby 5-8-8	J Carroll	92
310	(4)	00-035	SPOTTED EAGLE 13 (D,F) (Penny Horne) M Wane 4-8-8	P Fessey (3)	88
311	(3)	5-0011	FAME AGAIN 34 (C,D,G,S) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-3	F Lynch	91
312	(12)	0-0405	BOWLERS BOY 14 (CD,F) (Bowlers Racing) J J Quinn 4-8-2	J Quinn	93
313	(10)	623-00	FAIRY PRINCE 45 (D,F) (H Murphy) Mrs A King 4-7-10	R Winston (7)	87
314	(13)	060050	AWESOME VENTURE 21 (G,S) (M Rason Racing) M Chapman 7-7-10	D O'Shea	80

Long handicap: Awesome Venture 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Fame Again, 11-2 Ziggy's Dancer, 7-1 Bollin Harry, Cim Bom Bom, 8-1 First Maite, Swino, Bowlers Boy, 14-1 others.

1996: BOLLIN HARRY 4-9-4 M Birch (10-1) T Easterby 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZIGGY'S DANCER beat Palo Blanco neck in 8-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm). SWINO head 2nd of 11 to Treasure Touch in 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f, good). FIRST MAITE beat Blessingindisguise 1¾l in 18-runner handicap at Beverley (5f, good).
SO INTREPID beat Garnock valley 1l in 11-runner handicap at Thirsk (6f, soft) with FRENCH GRIT (9lb better off) 14l 8th and MALLIA (8lb worse off) 3l 10th. CIM BOM BOM 3l 3rd of 11 to Bold Effort in handicap at Wolverhampton (6f, AW). FAME AGAIN beat Somerton Boy neck in 21-runner handicap at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: FAME AGAIN

4.15 BOROUGH HANDICAP (£3,353: 1m 4yd) (16 runners)

401	(11)	003000	FOREST ROBIN 9 (Platinum Racing) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-10	J Fortune	93
402	(4)	63-006	ATTARIKH 14 (B) (H Murphy) Mrs A King 4-9-7	R Winston (7)	96
403	(13)	00/0-0	ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 13 (F) (Bloodstock Brothers) V Soane 6-9-5	G Hind	–
404	(9)	000404	RUDE AWAKENING 11 (C,F) (W Hill) C Fairhurst 3-9-2	T Siddall (7)	96
405	(12)	455311	POWER GAME 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (Countrywide Racing) J Berry 4-9-2	S Whitworth	96
406	(2)	501056	PAINT IT BLACK 7 (D,BF,F,G) (M Scaife) D Nicholls 4-9-1	Alex Greaves	92
407	(5)	043223	DICTATION 9 (V,BF) (A Barry) J J O'Neill 5-9-0	R Hughes	96
408	(6)	-00344	KASS ALHAWA 9 (J Wilcox) D Chapman 4-8-13	A Culhane	95
409	(3)	0-0005	GILLING DANCER 12 (D,F) (Ripon Ringers) P Calver 4-8-11	J Carroll	92
410	(9)	512520	MUTAHADETH 65 (D,G) (G D Imports) D Shaw 3-8-10	J Fanning	98
411	(7)	006-00	GENEROUS PRESENT 38 (D,F) (J Power) J Payne 4-8-9	W Ryan	90
412	(16)	00-033	BOWCLIFFE 10 (D,BF,F,S) (P Davies) E Alston 6-8-5	J F Egan	93
413	(10)	006/00	KING CHESTNUT 10 (D,F) (C Graham) M Dods 6-8-5	F Lynch	–
414	(14)	500006	ONEOFTHEOLDONES 16 (D,G) (R Baker) J Norton 5-7-12	J Quinn	97
415	(1)	000-03	HABETA 13 (CD,F,G) (R Bickerson) J Watts 11-7-10	J Lowe	96
416	(15)	500003	PLEASURE TRICK 7 (CD,F,G) (E Incisa) E Incisa 6-7-10	Kim Tinkler	▣

Long handicap: Pleasure Trick 7-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Power Game, 7-1 Bowcliffe, 8-1 Paint It Black, Gilling Dancer, 10-1 Forest Robin, Rude Awakening, Dictation, 12-1 others.

1996: HABETA 10-8-10 Pat Eddery (5-1) J Watts 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

POWER GAME beat Barresbo ½l in handicap at Musselburgh (1m, good to firm) with DICTATION (6lb better off) 2½l 3rd and KASS ALHAWA (11lb better off) ½l 4th. PAINT IT BLACK about 3½l 5th of 10 to Weetman's Weigh in handicap at Thirsk (7f, firm) with PLEASURE TRICK (20lb better off) 7½l 9th. DICTATION head 2nd of 14 to Komlucky in seller at Thirsk (7f, good). KASS ALHAWA about ½l 3rd of 14 to Scathebury in selling handicap at Musselburgh (1m, good to firm). MUTAHADETH 1¼l 2nd of 10 to West And Sea in handicap at Wolverhampton (1m 100yd, AW). BOWCLIFFE 3½l 3rd of 13 to Somerton Boy in handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm) with KING CHESTNUT (14lb better off) 44½l 13th.
Selection: PLEASURE TRICK (nap)

4.45 YOUNGSTERS NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,029: 6f) (4 runners)

501	(4)	4	ABERKEEN 10 (N Riddell) M Dods 8-12	Dale Gibson	90
502	(3)		CAPTAIN MCCLOY (Swisspartners) Mrs J Ramsden 8-12	J Fortune	–
503	(1)		PANAMA HOUSE (P England) T Easterby 8-12	L Charnock	–
504	(2)	1	COLOURS TO GOLD 23 (S) (I Bray) R Fahey 8-11	A Culhane	▣

BETTING: 6-4 Colours To Gold, 9-4 Captain McCloy, 11-4 Panama House, 13-2 Aberkeen.

1996: ALPINE TIME 8-11 Pat Eddery (2-5 fav) D Loder 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABERKEEN 5¾l 4th of 7 to Reap Rewards in auction maiden at Ayr (6f, good to firm). CAPTAIN MCCLOY (foaled Apr 8) half-brother to winners in North America including Flying Chevron, smart performer at 1m, dam, half-sister to Chevron Flight, very useful juvenile, unraced. PANAMA HOUSE (Mar 25, cost 11,000gns) half-brother to several winners here and abroad including Budby, 1m ½l winner and Vanborough Lad, 5f-1m winner: dam 1m 4l winner. COLOURS TO GOLD beat Fairy Domino 1¼l in maiden at Hamilton (5f, soft).
Selection: COLOURS TO GOLD

5.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(£2,412: 1m 2f 6yd) (10 runners)

601	(1)	3322-6	BUBBLE WINGS 31 (C,BF,F,G) (F Chao) S Woods 5-10-0	C Webb	90
602	(9)	4050	DURAID 27 (A Suddes) D Smith 5-9-9	D McGaffin (3)	95
603	(7)	0-0000	TINKLERS FOLLY 7 (F,G) (W Hattersley) R Whitaker 5-9-1	P Fredericks (5)	94
604	(2)	33JP-0	CASCATELLE BLEUE 10 (R Kiavy) M Tompkins 4-8-13	P Clarke (5)	90
605	(5)	03-200	IN GOOD FAITH 12J (C,F,S) (R Dawson) J J Quinn 5-8-10	R Winston	97
606	(6)	620022	SANDMOOR DENIM 13 (F,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 10-8-8	P Doe	97
607	(8)	640506	MARSH MARIGOLD 22 (S) (Mrs B Sadler) J Hetherton 3-8-2	Jenny Benson (5)	98
608	(4)	-30040	WHOTHEHELLISHARRY 16 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 4-7-13	R Brisland (5)	98
609	(3)	223000	BEDAZZLE 13 (G) (Northgate Lodge Racing) M Brittain 6-7-10	D Mernagh (5)	95
610	(10)	120062	EASTLEIGH 10 (G,S) (J Biggs) R Hollinshead 8-7-10	P M Quinn (7)	▣

Long handicap: Bedazzle 7-7, Eastleigh 7-5.

BETTING: 11-4 Sandmoor Denim, 7-2 Marsh Marigold, 6-1 Bubble Wings, 7-1 In Good Faith, 8-1 Eastleigh, 10-1 Bedazzle, 12-1 Tinklers Folly.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BUBBLE WINGS ½l 2nd of 10 to Omara in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good to firm) Oct 96. SANDMOOR DENIM neck 2nd of 18 to Princess Danielle in handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). MARSH MARIGOLD about 5½l 6th of 16 to Effectual in handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good to soft) *with IN GOOD FAITH (3lb worse off) 1l 8th.* WHOTHEHELLISHARRY about 2¾l 4th of 12 to Heathyards Rock in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). BEDAZZLE 4½l 10th of 16 to Dispol Gem in handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm). EASTLEIGH 1¾l 2nd of 11 to Globetrotter in claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 1f 79yd, AW).
Selection: BUBBLE WINGS

☐ **Double Trigger, the winner of the 1995 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, will gallop at Pontefract today as he continues his preparation for this year's race. His trainer, Mark Johnston, is hopeful that Double Eclipse, the gelding's younger brother, may also be fit to run.**

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	49	49	29	4	-54.33
R Hannon	39	37	34	1	-133.89
J Berry	36	34	27	3	-51.82
M Stoute	34	21	20	2	+25.25

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	61	52	34	5	+43.15
J Weaver	50	45	26	5	+8.46
L Dettori	50	42	34	6	-51.01
Pat Eddery	49	33	23	0	-59.13

Vereva gives Aga Khan second win in Diane

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT AT CHANTILLY

VEREVA, owned by the Aga Khan, kept her unbeaten record with a stylish victory in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly yesterday.

Ridden by Gerald Mosse, *Vereva found a useful turn of* foot to take command over a furlong out and held off the strong-finishing Mousse Glacee by 1½ lengths, with Brilliance, the favourite, two lengths back in third.

The Kahyasi filly, trained locally by Alain de Royer Dupré, gave her owner a second win in the race after Shemaka's triumph four years ago. The winning trainer said: "Vereva is a fast-*improving* filly, though I would not be absolutely sure that she would stay 1½ miles. The Coral-Eclipse at Sandown is a *possible* target."

Ryafan, the John Gosden-trained filly ridden by Frankie Dettori, made much of the running before fading into fourth. Gosden said: "I'm really happy with her. She's run a fine race, the other fillies proved too good on the day."

Dances With Dreams, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, did not fare so well and finished last after giving *trouble going into the stalls.*

Khassah, Gosden's other intended runner, was a late withdrawal after being found to be cast in her box.

Chapple-Hyam had no better luck in the five-runner Grand Prix de Chantilly, when Royal Court also finished last behind Steward. However, Royal Court was not disgraced as he was beaten only two lengths by the winner and might have been inconvenienced by the rapidly drying ground.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BUBBLE WINGS
(5.15 Pontefract)
Next best: Nile Valley
(8.45 Warwick)

CHANTILLY DETAILS

Going: soft

PRIX DE DIANE HERMES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £157,127: 1m 2f 110yd)

1, VEREVA (G Mosse); 2, Mousse Glacee (T Thulliez); 3, Brilliance (S Guillot). ALSO RAN: Ryafan (4th), La Nana (5th), Always Loyal (6th), Golden Arches (7th), Anna Thea (8th), Queen Maud (9th), Palme D'Or (10th), Darashandeh (11th), Dances With Dreams. 12 ran. NR Khassah. 1½l, 2l, ½l, nose, sh nd. A de Royer-Dupre. Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 3.70 (coupled with Darashandeh), 1.60, 2.20, 1.40. DF: 26.70. 2min 8.20sec.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.30 Cortachy Castle. 3.00 Anokato. 3.30 Shawaf. 4.00 Vanishing Trick. 4.30 Salska. 5.00 Nicola's Princess.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 HARRY WOLTON.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Harry Wolton. 5.00 Blockade.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 EBF MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,494: 5f 13yd) (7 runners)

1	(4)		BOCCOLINO T Barron 9-0	K Darley	–
2	(1)	4	CORTACHY CASTLE 12 B Meehan 9-0	Pat Eddery	▣
3	(3)	0	FLAME TOWER 33 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
4	(2)		MOONTABEH P Walwyn 9-0	R Hills	–
5	(5)	0	RA RA RASPUTIN 12 B McMahon 9-0	L Newton	–
6	(7)	0	STEPHANGEORGE 5 M Brittain 9-0	G Bardwell	–
7	(6)		ANITA AT DAWN B Palling 8-9	T Sprake	–

4-6 Cortachy Castle, 4-1 Moontabeh, 6-1 Flame Tower, 14-1 Boccolino, Ra Ra Rasputin, Anita At Dawn, 20-1 Stephangeorge.

3.00 RISLEY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,518: 5f 13yd) (6)

1	(4)	2103	LAMARITA 21 (D,F) J Eustace 9-7	J Tate	98
2	(2)	644-	BARNBURGH BOY 288 (BF) T Barron 9-5	K Darley	90
3	(5)	0-42	MUTASAWWAR 21 (BF) E Dunlop 9-2	R Hills	92
4	(6)	6013	ANOKATO 6 (B,D,F) K Ivory 8-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	98
5	(1)	0000	ICE AGE 3 (D,F) R Williams 8-9	D Griffiths (3)	90
6	(3)	2002	SUITE FACTORS 6 (CD,F) K Burke 8-1	Paul Eddery	▣

7-4 Mutasawwar, 7-2 Suite Factors, 4-1 Lamarita, 5-1 Anokato, 10-1 Barnburgh Boy, 16-1 Ice Age.

3.30 HOLME PIERREPONT CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,557: 1m 54yd) (4)

1	(4)	26-5	MY LEWICIA 12 (D,S) P Harris 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	96
2	(3)	1-24	HARRY WOLTON 23 (BF,F) H Cecil 3-8-10	K Fallon	▣
3	(2)	01-	MANDILAK 222 (D,G) L Cumani 3-8-10	L Dettori	85
4	(1)	3-15	SHAWAF 24 (BF,G) J Dunlop 3-8-10	R Hills	86

5-6 Harry Wolton, 9-4 Mandilak, 11-2 Shawaf, 10-1 My Lewicia.

4.00 STANTON BY DALE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,518: 1m 54yd) (4)

1	(2)	61-0	VANISHING TRICK 22 (F) H Cecil 3-9-10	K Fallon	90
2	(1)	16-0	SOLFEGIETTO 36 (G) M Bell 3-9-8	M Fenton	98
3	(3)	-434	SCARLET CRESCENT 26 (BF,G) P Walwyn 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	▣
4	(4)	-300	CHARLTON IMP 21 (D,F,G) R Hodges 4-8-10	R Ffrench (5)	98

6-5 Vanishing Trick, 5-2 Scarlet Crescent, 4-1 Solfegietto, 11-2 Charlton Imp.

4.30 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP
(£3,200: 1m 6f 15yd) (10)

1	(5)	6-03	GUMAIR 12 R Hannon 4-10-0	Pat Eddery	91
2	(2)	4063	TAWAFEK 35 (G) S Dow 4-9-7	J Reid	90
3	(4)	3-00	DURHAM 12 (V,CD,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-7	Candy Morris	92
4	(3)	1-00	SALSKA 2 (D,F,G) A Streeter 6-9-3	T Sprake	90
5	(7)	0-55	AMIARGE 5 (C,F,G) M Brittain 7-8-11	G Bardwell	90
6	(9)	-600	ADVANCE EAST 10 M Dods 5-8-8	K Fallon	92
7	(8)	0-00	WINNEBAGO 17 C Thornton 4-8-7	D McKeown	89
8	(6)	10-0	BRIGHTER BYFAAH 59 (CD,F) N Graham 4-8-6	M Rimmer	90
9	(10)	/343	BATABANOO 10 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-6	K Darley	98
10	(1)	-020	CONTRARIE 23 M Ryan 4-8-2	R Mullen (5)	▣

5-2 Batabanoo, 7-2 Tawafek, 6-1 Gumair, Amiarge, 8-1 Durham, 10-1 Advance East, Brighter Byfaah, 12-1 others.

5.00 SHERWOOD APPRENTICES LIMITED STAKES (£2,277: 1m 1f 213yd) (14)

1	(7)	0010	BLOCKADE 5 (D,F,G,S) M Bell 8-9-5	R Mullen (3)	96
2	(11)	2-32	ACQUITTAL 14 (V,F) A Streeter 5-9-3	R Havlin	93
3	(13)	00-0	FOUR OF SPADES 16 (F,G) R Hodges 6-9-3	Amanda Sanders (3)	89
4	(14)	060-	HAPPY VENTURER 306 G Fierro 4-9-3	D Hayden (7)	–
5	(1)	0040	MONIS 29 (F) R Thompson 6-9-3	G Milligan (5)	90
6	(4)	0-05	RENATA'S PRINCE 7 (F) K Burke 4-9-3	J D Smith	94
7	(3)	0-00	WELSH MOUNTAIN 17 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-3	J Fowle (7)	98
8	(9)	40-0	FOREST FANTASY 17 (F) J Wharton 4-9-0	R Ffrench (3)	▣
9	(6)	0346	NICOLA'S PRINCESS 7 (G) B McMahon 4-9-0	S Righton (7)	91
10	(12)	-000	PERSEPHONE 12 (B) J L Harris 4-9-0	A Polli (5)	–
11	(2)	02-0	SHEILAS DREAM 23 G L Moore 4-9-0	M Batchelor (5)	92
12	(10)	6-00	SULEIKA DANCER 44 S Knight 4-9-0	Darren Moffatt	88
13	(8)	40-1	CORAL ISLAND 11 (F) J Fitzgerald 3-8-6	G Parkin (3)	90
14	(5)	-000	BOLD SAINT 10 (B) P Harris 3-8-4	C Lowther (5)	88

7-2 Acquittal, 11-2 Blockade, 7-1 Renata's Prince, 9-1 Coral Island, 10-1 Four Of Spades, Welsh Mountain, Forest Fantasy, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: E Dunlop, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; H Cecil, 17 from 62, 27.4%; J Dunlop, 20 from 109, 18.3%; L Cumani, 6 from 40, 15.0%; M Bell, 9 from 71, 12.7%; P Walwyn, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 19 winners from 85 rides, 22.4%; L Dettori, 26 from 133, 19.5%; *Paul Eddery, 14 from 82, 17.1%; J Reid, 13 from 83,* 15.7%; K Fallon, 17 from 130, 13.1%; R Havlin, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

6.15 Printers Quill. *6.45 In Question.* 7.15 Galapino. 7.45 Eleonora D'Arborea. 8.15 The Wyandotte Inn. 8.45 Nile Valley.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 GALLOWS HILL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,966: 1m 2f 169yd) (9 runners)

SKY

1	310-	LAAZIM AFOOZ 223 (BF,G) R Phillips 4-10-0	D O'Donohoe 3
2	-016	TONKA 12 (F,G,S) P Makin 5-9-12	D Sweeney (3) 5
3	6033	HILL FARM DANCER 16 (F,G) W M Brisbourne 6-9-2	A Bond (5) 4
4	0-00	MAZILLA 17 (V,CD,F,G) A Streeter 5-8-13	J Bramhill (3) 6
5	00-0	PRINTERS QUILL 23 (F) D Chappell 5-8-11	A Daly (3) 9
6	6/4-	HAY DANCE 10J P Hobbs 6-8-7	R Cody-Boutcher (7) 2
7	005/	ASKING 390J J Bennett 5-7-10	Iona Wands (5) 7
8	0560	KIROV PROTEGE 5 (G) Mrs L Jewell 5-7-10	D Williams (7) 1
9	0044	GOLD CLIPPER 7 M Ryan 3-7-10	M Baird 8

9-4 Hill Farm Dancer, 3-1 Laazim Afooz, 4-1 Mazilla, 6-1 Tonka, 7-1 Printers Quill, 10-1 Hay Dance, 12-1 Gold Clipper, 14-1 others.

6.45 HAZY DAYS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,992: 1m 2f 169yd) (7)

SKY

1	00	EXPIALIODOOCIUS 13 J Fanshawe 9-0	K Fallon 2
2	6-	FRANKIE 289 M Tompkins 9-0	D Biggs 5
3		HANDLEY CROSS I Balding 9-0	S Whitworth 4
4	4-33	IN QUESTION 28 (BF) B Hills 9-0	M Hills 1
5	00	PARDAN 13 B Palling 9-0	T Sprake 6
6	05-0	THE ROUNDSILLS 17 R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid 7
7	6-0	CARIBBEE BEACH 12 G Margarson 8-9	J Gotobed (7) 3

1-2 In Question, 5-1 Handley Cross, 7-1 Pardan, 10-1 Expialiodoocius, 12-1 Frankie, The Roundsills, 33-1 Caribbee Beach.

7.15 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE/JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION HANDICAP (£3,518: 1m 4f 115yd) (10)

SKY

1	3-54	CASUAL WATER 13 (C,F,G) A Newcombe 6-10-0	J Quinn 1
2	4-03	RAISE A PRINCE 16 J Hills 4-9-13	Paul Eddery 2
3	/000	*HAROLDON 13 (C,F,G) B Palling 8-9-11*	T Sprake 3
4	0506	PAY HOMAGE 9 (F,G) I Balding 9-9-4	M Hills 8
5	0-20	SERIOUS TRUST 13 (F) Mrs L Jewell 4-9-1	R Hughes 5
6	4200	GALAPINO 9 (BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0	R Mullen (5) 6
7	-623	ATLANTIC MIST 25 (F,S) B Millman 4-8-12	K Fallon 9
8	3622	FOREIGN RULE 17 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10	J Reid 4
9	-106	TASIK CHINI 17 (G) P Cole 3-8-8	T Quinn 7
10	4663	REAGANESQUE 12 (CD,F) P Murphy 5-8-5	K Darley 10

11-4 Foreign Rule, 7-2 Galapino, 9-2 Atlantic Mist, 6-1 Tasik Chini, 8-1 Pay Homage, Raise A Prince, 10-1 Reaganesque, 12-1 others.

7.45 EBF ROYAL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,316: 5f) (11)

SKY

1	5	ALLASELLA 21 B Palling 8-11	T Sprake 6
2		BABY'S TIARA R Akehurst 8-11	J Reid 8
3	34	BE MY WISH 20 Miss G Kelleway 8-11	K Fallon 9
4	5	CHERISHED 10 P Cole 8-11	T Quinn 4
5		ELEONORA D'ARBOREA B Meehan 8-11	K Darley 1
6		FLYING SINGER I Balding 8-11	S Whitworth 11
7		HIGH CARRY J Banks 8-11	J Stack 10
8	0	ISABELLA 14 T Keddy 8-11	M Fenton 3
9	46	MARI-ELA 9 J Arnold 8-11	J Quinn 5
10	2	MUGELLO 70 A Jarvis 8-11	M Hills 2
11	04	REALLY DONE IT NOW 14 K Burke 8-11	Paul Eddery 7

7-2 Be My Wish, 4-1 Mugello, 5-1 Allasella, 7-1 Flying Singer, Cherished, 8-1 Mari-Ela, 10-1 Really Done It Now, 12-1 others.

8.15 RAINBOW CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,808: 7f) (14)

1	1060	EAGER TO PLEASE 17 (D,BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 9-3	K Fallon 14
2	4135	*HINT OF VICTORY 13 (G) M Bell 9-1*	*M Fenton 9*
3	5601	DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 10 (B,F) N Tinkler 8-13	K Darley 3
4	0-63	IMPALA 14 W G M Turner 8-13	D Sweeney (5) 5
5	5200	THE WYANDOTTE INN 35 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-13	F Lynch 8
6	0-	RAMBO TANGO 296 B Cambidge 8-12	S Whitworth 13
7	506-	COURT HOUSE 287 B McMahon 8-9	L Newton 12
8	00-	INKWELL 231 A Hide 8-7	A McGlone 7
9	600	OWDY 23 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	D O'Donohoe (3) 1
10	263-	PHYLIDA 164 P Makin 8-6	R Havlin (3) 6
11	0423	SOURA 13 P Kelleway 8-6	J Reid 10
12	0060	FEEL A LINE 7 (B) B Meehan 8-5	T Quinn 4
13	00-0	BLUEBELL MISS 7 (S) M Ryan 8-0	D Biggs 2
14	0	CARRIE'S FANTASY 69 A Newcombe 7-10	J Lowe 11

7-2 Docklands Carriage, 4-1 Eager To Please, 5-1 Phylida, 6-1 Soura, 8-1 Hint Of Victory, Impala, 10-1 The Wyandotte Inn, 12-1 others.

8.45 NURSERY WOOD HANDICAP
(£2,940: 2m 20yd) (7)

1	0-56	FIELDRIDGE 16 (F,G) M Muggeridge 8-9-10	J Reid 3
2	3112	GOLDEN HADEER 12 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) M Ryan 6-8-12	M Baird (3) 6
3	556/	CHINA MAIL 18J J Bennett 5-8-4	T Sprake 4
4	-552	NILE VALLEY 10 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-2	R Ffrench (5) 2
5	3422	ROMALITO 5 (F) M Blanshard 7-8-1	J Quinn 7
6	10-5	BADAWI 16 (D,F,G) N Babbage 7-7-10	F Norton 1
7	000/	JENZSOPH 19J (B) P Hobbs 6-7-10	R Cody-Boutcher (7) 5

2-1 Golden Hadeer, 5-2 Nile Valley, 3-1 Romalito, 8-1 Badawi, 10-1 Fieldridge, China Mail, 16-1 Jenzsoph.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Streeter, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; Miss G Kelleway, 5 from 16, 31.3%; Mrs N Macauley, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Hills, 4 from 21, 19.0%; P Chapple-Hyam, 6 from 34, 17.6%; P Cole, 13 from 75, 17.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 17 winners from 80 rides, 21.3%; T Quinn, 16 from 93, 17.2%; M Hills, 9 from 55, 16.4%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 74, 16.2%; R Hughes, 5 from 35, 14.3%; R Havlin, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

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Heirs to Pegasus have their wings clipped

SIMON BARNES

At the Derby

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Silver Charm, rails, is denied the American Triple Crown by Touch Gold's Belmont Stakes victory only hours after Entrepreneur, right, failed at Epsom

It was a great race, no doubt about it. It was also a great story. But I was conscious only of disappointment, because I had not been looking for such things. I wanted to see a great horse.

At the top of the grandstand Epsom Downs is a brave sight: and a trifle chilling, too, for anyone who has ever galloped on a horse. You can see every nuance of that notorious switchback: the initial brutal climb, the step-deceiving descent, the final vicious twist of the ascent in the last 50 yards.

The rest, I thought, will be about there. They will be level with me, about a cricket-pitch from the finish, when Entrepreneur is precisely there. Passing the winning post. A bright bay low-flying missile: not quite touching the turf: a horse with a touch of Pegasus.

I remember Shergar, winning the Derby by ten lengths, also at odds on, and I thought that I was about to see such another. And I remember Troy bursting from the common crowd like a runaway truck to shatter the will of the best horses in the land. How quick? As West Indians say about the great fast bowlers, *real* quick.

Horses that quicken the blood. And — well, to say that *I thought* Entrepreneur was about to become one of this company, the elect, the get of Pegasus, that would be inaccurate. What's thought got to do with it? We are talking about horses.

It is not even strictly true to say that I *felt* he might be one of the truly great. At Newmarket, winning the 2,000 Guineas, Entrepreneur gave powerful food for thought for those who quantify the unquantifiable; he also gave a great feeling to anyone capable of having a feeling for a horse.

But that was not really the point. It was not so much that I believed, thought, felt that Entrepreneur was about to show himself a great horse. It was that I wanted him to be one.

I wanted him to be another Nijinsky, a horse of legend, a horse for whom normal rules of equine kind have been suspended. We all want that, whatever sport we follow: we seek that treasured, that perfect, that unforgettable I-was-there occasion.

Benny The Dip won from Silver Patriarch, in that vivid racing phrase "on the nod", a stirring they-shall-not-pass performance that says a great deal about the horse's nature. Jolly good horse. Classic winner. One of the elite. Part of racing history, yes, but not part of legend.

You pay for your dreams in the currency of disappointment: that is what racing means. All over the world, it is the same. In the United States, racing's principal dream is the Triple Crown. Silver Charm had won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes. And as they turned for home in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday, Silver Charm moved to the lead in the race to the wire.

A legend unfolded before him and greatness was in his reach. But it was not to be, the race was snatched from him by Touch Gold. No horse has won the Triple crown since Affirmed in 1978, only 12 have ever done it, names of legend like Citation and Secretariat.

"This was probably the best race that Silver Charm had run through the Triple Crown races," said his jockey, Gary Stevens. "To have him come up just a bit short, it's hard to take."

Michael Kinane, who rode Entrepreneur, was still franker, but then his horse did still worse. Never a contender, in fact. Finished fourth. Everyone who has ever had a bet knows that terrible dead feeling you experience when you see that your horse is not going to produce that miraculous last-minute book-beating burst of speed. Oh dear. Not really quite fast enough, is he?

And that was Entrepreneur. The race going on all around him, while you looked and looked and waited and waited. And then at last it came: absolutely nothing. "He was a beaten horse a long way out," Kinane said. "He really wasn't happy. He never done much of anything. He finished a very tired horse."

Racing is a terribly sad business, but then it is supposed to be. It all starts so well. Perhaps Entrepreneur just got his myths in a twist: a Pegasus who flew too close to the sun and turned into Icarus. Don't they all? Well, very nearly all.

And, of course, he looked so good in the paddock, best turned out and all that. Bright bay coat, perhaps the best horsey colour of them all. Three white socks, the wings on the heels not quite visible in the Epsom sunlight.

"He has more speed than Shergar," said his trainer, Michael Stoute. His work jockey, Greville Starkey, merely said that Entrepreneur was the best he had ever sat on. Both really wanted this to be true, after all.

'He must get everything right on one afternoon'

Most sports offer some kind of second chance. Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, made the most of his all through Saturday. Martina Hingis, a disappointed tennis player on Saturday, will play more grand slam tournaments. The British Lions have matches ahead in which to make amends.

But the Derby is run for three-year-olds, and a colt is only young once. He must get everything right on one single afternoon of his life over the mad downland switchback: or be forever forgotten. Ian Botham got his pair at Lord's and then strode to greatness. But Entrepreneur missed his great day, and now it is over. He will never now be the stuff of legend. He joins instead the legion of broken dreams.

SPEEDWAY

Cornwall welcomes bikes back in style

By Tony Hoare

A CROWD of nearly 3,000 may not seem a vast turnout, but for Amateur League speedway it is a marvellous figure. St Austell drew that many supporters for the first match at their Claycountry Moto Parc last week to the delight of a band of hard-working enthusiasts devoted to seeing speedway return to Cornwall.

The sport had not been seen in the county since St Austell closed towards the end of 1963 at their old Cornish Stadium in Par, but it returned last Tuesday at a track with the most spectacular backdrop in speedway.

Claycountry Moto Parc has been carved out of a disused quarry given to the club by English China Clay. After moving 70,000 tonnes of rubble the club swung into action with spartan facilities — the referee's box was an ex-holiday caravan — at the lowest level of the sport.

The site, five miles outside the seaside town, is a community-based project which aims to keep underage motorcyclists off the roads, so the surprise at the size of the crowd was tangible among the helpers who had brought the St Austell Gulls to life. In fact, many promoters of Elite League, the sport's top tier, would settle for a crowd of 3,000.

Brian Annear, the St Austell chairman, sounded a cautious note, though, saying he hoped the crowd-pulling powers of the Gulls would not cause trouble with the local authorities.

"I only hope it is not too successful," Annear said after the opening night. "We have many narrow roads leading away from the track and I hope traffic congestion will not be a problem."

St Austell are the second club to open to bumper crowds in the lowest division of racing, where the unpaid status of riders lowers the set-up costs. Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, regularly attracted crowds of more than 1,500 last year.

☐ Sean Wilson, 27, has signed for Coventry a week after coming third in the British final at the Midlands track.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.30 Statajack. 7.00 Chain Reaction. 7.30 Fern's Governor. 8.00 Lord Kintyre. 8.30 Compromise. 9.00 Songsheet.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.30 BLESSED SPIRIT (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 ARISTON DIALOGIC CLAIMING STAKES (£2,612: 1m 3f 135yd) (18 runners) SKY

1	10-4	DARK AGE 118 (G) R Akehurst 4-10-0	D Denby (7) 1
2	3044	AT LIBERTY 4 (B,D,BF,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-12	Dane O'Neill 14
3	0/	BRUME LA VOILE 548 J G Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-9	D Harrison 18
4	-000	STATAJACK 13 (B,D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 9-9-9	R Cochrane 10
5		TEDROSS 14J J Poulton 6-9-8	A Whelan (3) 7
6	-000	JAAZIM 12 (G) M Madgwick 7-9-7	N Varley 9
7		STOCKBROOK K Burke 4-9-7	B Doyle 5
8	,723-	LOST LAGOON 258 (BF) P Eccles 5-9-6	C Rutter 16
9	540/	YO-MATE 680 T Hind 6-9-4	M Henry (3) 11
10	0-00	CHALLENGER 28 J Sheehan 4-9-3	N Carlisle 2
11	6-20	SHABANAZ 6 (CD,BF,F,G,S) W Muir 12-9-3	Pat Eddery 17
12	0-00	JUST FLAMENCO 28 (C,F,S) M Ryan 6-9-2	G Carter 13
13	00-0	PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 10J R Stronge 5-9-2	D R McCabe 15
14	0-50	PRECEDENCY 28 (V) K McAuliffe 5-9-2	M Roberts 6
15	0000	ON THE WILDSIDE 23 M Channon 4-8-12	R Perham 8
16	-004	LE GRAND GOUSIER 10 R Williams 3-8-10	G Duffield 3
17	3-	BLUSH 238 M Pipe 3-8-0	Martin Dwyer (3) 12
18	0064	BUZZBY BABE 115 A Foster 3-7-10	N Adams 4

5-1 Le Grand Gousier, 6-1 Dark Age, 7-1 At Liberty, Blush, 8-1 Lost Lagoon, Shabanaz, 10-1 Statajack, Buzzby Babe, 12-1 others.

7.00 PERFECTLY GRILLED NEW WORLD FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,079: 5f 217yd) (16) SKY

1	-010	STRAT'S QUEST 14 (CD,BF,S) D Arbuthnot 9-7	R Price 13
2	5200	TABASCO JAZZ 14 (B) B Meehan 9-6	B Doyle 1
3	0-05	RISE 'N SHINE 6 C Cyzer 9-6	A Whelan (3) 15
4	2-04	SHIFTING TIME 12 I Balding 9-5	L Dettori 6
5	005-	CURZON STREET 253 H Candy 9-5	C Rutter 9
6	0200	HEAVENLY MISS 10 (B,D,F,G) J Bridger 9-3	R Cochrane 10
7	5-53	SALLY GREEN 28 (D,G) C Wall 9-3	G Duffield 5
8	6120	HEVER GOLF MOVER 26 (D,BF,F) T Naughton 9-1	D Holland 7
9	10-0	CHAIN REACTION 9 (D,F) M Jarvis 9-1	M Roberts 14
10	1-05	ROBEC GIRL 5 (V,D,G) K McAuliffe 8-11	D R McCabe 11
11	0-00	LAMORNA 3 (D,F,G) M Channon 8-8	Pat Eddery 8
12	2144	WILL TO WIN 21 (D,G) P Murphy 8-6	D Harrison 2
13	05-6	BREFFNI 51 Dickin 8-3	Dane O'Neill 12
14	-600	ROYAL EMBLEM 31 (B) A Foster 8-2	M Henry (3) 3
15	6313	DAYRELLA 10 (D,G) W Muir 8-1	Martin Dwyer (3) 16
16	4000	ROCK FANTASY 32 C Murray 7-10	Nicola Howarth 4

5-1 Sally Green, 6-1 Strat's Quest, 7-1 Tabasco Jazz, Shifting Time, 8-1 Will To Win, Dayrella, 10-1 Hever Golf Mover, Lamorna, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Jarvis, 8 winners from 22 runners, 36.4%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 12, 25.0%; I Stoute, 8 from 39, 20.5%; D Arbuthnot, 4 from 22, 18.2%; L Cottrell 5 from 29, 17.2%; H Candy, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 41 winners from 184 rides, 22.3%; L Dettori, 25 from 121, 20.7%; Martin Dwyer, 5 from 31, 16.1%; D Holland, 8 from 61, 13.1%. Only qualifiers.

7.30 STRAWBERRY FRIDGE HANDICAP (£3,682: 1m 2f 7yd) (14) SKY

1	2041	VOLA VIA 9 (F) I Balding 4-10-0	L Dettori 8
2	0021	CARBURTON 7 (CD,F,S) J Glover 4-9-5 (5ex)	N Day 3
3	-000	NEWPORT KNIGHT 16 (C,F,G) R Akehurst 6-9-4	A Clark 1
4	0-04	ATOMIC SHELL 14 C Wall 4-9-4	G Duffield 9
5	32-0	FULL THROTTLE 24 (F,G) M Tompkins 4-9-2	M Henry (3) 6
6	-324	PEPPERS 23 K Burke 4-9-1	B Doyle 11
7	60-0	BONANZA PEAK 13 Mrs J Cecil 4-9-0	R Cochrane 7
8	-100	STAR OF RING 24 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-13	D Holland 12
9	0-31	PRINCESS DANIELLE 13 (D,F,S) W Muir 5-8-9	M Roberts 10
10	1-00	ORTELIUS 19 (G) R Hannon 3-8-9	Dane O'Neill 2
11	00-0	WATHBAT NASHWAN 23 L Cumani 3-8-7	Pat Eddery 14
12	2026	FABULOUS MTOTO 59 (G,D,F,G) M Saunders 7-8-7	N Carlisle 13
13	-530	FERN'S GOVERNOR 23 (C,D,BF,F,G) W Musson 5-8-6	G Carter 4
14	04-2	NORDANSK 14 (F) M Madgwick 8-8-3	N Varley 5

9-2 Carburton, 5-1 Princess Danielle, 6-1 Vola Via, 7-1 Peppers, 8-1 Fern's Governor, Nordansk, 10-1 Newport Knight, Full Throttle, 12-1 others.

8.00 INDESIT VALUE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,274: 5f 217yd) (25)

1		ROBORANT J Dunlop 8-12	R Cochrane 16
2		SPEEDFIT TOO G Margarson 8-12	G Carter 4
3		ACID TEST W Muir 8-11	Dane O'Neill 13
4		CHIEF BLADE R Akehurst 8-11	A Clark 15
5	0	KING DARIUS 52 R Hannon 8-10	R Smith (7) 21
6		PERSIAN VENTURE B Meehan 8-10	D Holland 9
7	4	LORD KINTYRE 29 B Millman 8-8	B Doyle 1
8	0	CLEAR VIEW 9 B Meehan 8-7	G Hannon (7) 14
9	0	COURTNEY GYM 7 M Channon 8-7	R Perham 11
10	4	ELEVENTH DUKE 59 (BF) R Hannon 8-7	L Dettori 18
11		ERIKA'S YOUNG MAN M Haynes 8-7	A Whelan (3) 19
12	55	BLUE DESERT 35 M Bell 8-6	M Roberts 5
13	03	BRANDON FRANK 9 I Balding 8-6	Pat Eddery 22
14		COOLIN RIVER K Burke 8-6	J F Egan 20
15		GLOBAL RISK C Murray 8-6	P Bloomfield 24
16	00	OISIN 25 Mrs P Dutfield 8-6	R Price 25
17	0	WON'T FORGET ME 23 M Tompkins 8-5	M Henry (3) 7
18		AMBITIOUS J Fanshawe 8-4	D Harrison 17
19		SHECANDO C James 8-3	C Rutter 3
20	02	THE HONORABLE LADY 13 (BF) M Channon 8-3	P P Murphy (3) 23
21		TOY M Sloate 8-3	G Duffield 6
22		STATE GALA M Bell 8-2	D R McCabe 8
23		MUJA'S MAGIC K Ivory 8-0	Martin Dwyer (3) 2
24		CHAMPAGNE TRUFFLE J S Moore 7-13	N Adams 10
25	0	WILD LILLY 7 M Ryan 7-13	G Bardwell 12

4-1 Toy, 6-1 Eleventh Duke, 7-1 Brandon Frank, 8-1 Ambitious, Roborant, 10-1 Lord Kintyre, Blue Desert, 12-1 State Gala, 14-1 others.

8.30 NEW WORLD IMAGE CLASSIC LIMITED STAKES (£3,428: 1m 67yd) (7)

1	11-0	KOATHARY 22 (D,F,S) L Cottrell 6-9-6	D Holland 3
2	4-26	BLESSED SPIRIT 38 (D,F) C Wall 4-9-3	G Duffield 2
3	000-	CATCH THE LIGHTS 219 (D,F,G) Miss C Johnsey 4-9-3	M Roberts 4
4	451	COMPROMISE 16 (F) B Hills 3-8-11	Pat Eddery 7
5	-154	MOON BLAST 16 (D,BF,F) Lady Herries 3-8-11	R Cochrane 5
6	00-0	KAFIL 24 W Hern 3-8-9	R Hills 6
7	3-50	CALYPSO LADY 25 (G) R Hannon 3-8-6	Dane O'Neill 1

5-2 Blessed Spirit, 7-2 Compromise, 9-2 Koathary, 5-1 Moon Blast, 6-1 Kafil, 7-1 Calypso Lady, 25-1 Catch The Lights.

9.00 MERLONI DOMESTIC APPLIANCES LIMITED STAKES (£2,584: 5f 10yd) (10)

1	3211	POLLY GOLIGHTLY 3 (B,D,F,G) M Blanchard 4-9-5	N Adams 2
2	00-0	DANCING JACK 151 (D,G) J Bridger 4-9-2	R Cochrane 7
3	2060	MIJAS 16 (D,F,G) L Montague Hall 4-9-2	A Clark 9
4	0000	MINDRACE 7 (V,D,F) K Ivory 4-9-2	Martin Dwyer (3) 6
5	1623	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 12 (B,D,BF,G,S) G McCourt 5-9-2	D Harrison 4
6	2501	SONGSHEET 12 (D,F,G) M Saunders 4-9-2	P P Murphy (3) 10
7	206-	ASHKERNAZY 178 (CD,F) N Berry 6-8-13	Dane O'Neill 3
8	0205	PEARL DAWN 12 (D,F,G) P Clarke 7-8-13	J F Egan 1
9	4-00	DANCING MYSTERY 21 (B) E Wheeler 3-8-9	A Daly (5) 8
10	6403	WHIZZ KID 10 (CD,F) J Bridger 3-8-6	R Mullen (5) 5

3-1 Polly Golightly, 7-2 Runs In The Family, 4-1 Songsheet, 7-1 Mijas, 10-1 Mindrace, Pearl Dawn, Whizz Kid, 12-1 others.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 5.0 Bold Saint. PONTEFRACT: 2.45 Scotch Time 3.15 Dino's Mistral 4.15 Attarikh, Dictation. WARWICK: 8.45 Jenzsoph. WINDSOR: 6.30 At Liberty 7.00 Royal Emblem 9.00 Mindrace.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Epsom

Going: good

2.00 (5f) 1, Ya Malak (Alex Greaves, 13-2); 2, Dashing Blue (13-2), 3, Another-anniversary (12-1). Blue Iris 5-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Brave Edge. 5l, ½l. D Nicholls. Tote: £7.20; £2.40, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £18.10. Trio: £36.60. CSF: £41.63. Tricast: £338.35.

2.30 (1m 114yd) 1, Polar Prince (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2, Faithful Son (9-4 fav), 3, Cap Juluca (5-1). 9 ran. ½l, 1¾l. M Jarvis. Tote: £17.90; £3.60, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £35.30. Trio: £32.00. CSF: £40.47.

3.00 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Champagne Prince (C Lowther, 15-2), 2, Star Manager (16-1), 3, Fahs (9-2 fav). 14 ran. ½l, ½l. P Harris. Tote: £6.10; £1.90, £4.30, £2.50. DF: £69.00. Trio: £99.20. CSF: £109.53. Tricast: £553.42.

3.45 (1m 4f 10yd) VODAFONE DERBY see facing page

4.30 (7f) 1, Hidden Meadow (M Hills, 6-5 fav); 2, Wasp Ranger (14-1), 3, Moonshine Girl (7-1). 6 ran. 5l, 1½l. I Balding. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £3.60. DF: £10.20. CSF: £16.85.

5.05 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Arabian Story (L Dettori, 3-1 fav, Richard Evans's nap and Thunderer's nap), 2, Harbour Dues (8-1); 3, Hoh Express (6-1). 9 ran. 3l, 8l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £2.10, £2.30. DF: £8.90. Trio: £24.10. CSF: £24.96. Tricast: £122.90.

5.35 (6f) 1, Warning Time (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Kura (14-1), 3, Selhurstpark Flyer (9-2). Lord Olivier 4-1 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 1l. B Meehan. Tote: £29.00; £6.60, £4.80, £1.50. DF: £171.10. Trio: £321.40. CSF: £187.75. Tricast: £959.16.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,065.32 carried forward to Pontefract today).

Placepot: £141.70. Quadpot: £28.10.

Haydock Park

2.10 1, Shadoof (8-1), 2, Crystal Gold (15-8 fav); 3, Sellette (8-1). 8 ran.

2.40 1, Rejected (2-1); 2, Sharp Cracker (5-2), 3, Happy Days (6-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Arctic Air.

3.15 1, Band On The Run (8-1), 2, Bollin Frank (3-1 fav), 3, Pomona (7-1). 13 ran.

4.10 1, Decorated Hero (11-8 fav), 2, Lucayan Prince (15-8), 3, My Branch (9-4). 4 ran. NR: Azizzi, Carranita.

4.40 1, Another Night (9-4); 2, Kaziranga (3-1), 3, Topton (5-1). Indian Brave 2-1 fav. 6 ran.

5.10 1, Samuel Scott (5-2 jt-fav), 2, Nanton Point (7-1); 3, Sea Freedom (11-4). General Assembly 5-2 jt-fav. 6 ran.

Doncaster

2.20 1, Premium Pursuit (20-1); 2, Country Garden (4-1 fav); 3, Starliner (33-1). 20 ran. NR: Latin Bay.

2.50 1, Jedi Knight (11-2); 2, Allinson's Mate (5-1 fav), 3, Grey Kingdom (10-1), 4, Suez Tornado (7-1). 16 ran.

3.20 1, Poseidon (10-1); 2, Yorkshire (9-4); 3, Bequeath (9-2). Garuda 15-8 fav. 6 ran.

4.15 1, Northern Motto (13-2), 2, Hawker Hunter (14-1); 3, Suga Hawk (12-1). Ledgendry Line 2-1 fav. 11 ran.

4.45 1, Furnish (6-4 fav), 2, Polish Romance (5-2), 3, Frederick James (5-2). 7 ran.

5.15 1, Almasi (6-5 fav); 2, Bollin Dorothy (10-1), 3, Oatey (5-1). 9 ran.

Worcester

2.55 1, Diddy Rymer (17-2); 2, Beyond The Stars (12-1), 3, Cypress Avenue (4-1 jt-fav), 4, Mesp (12-1). Mon Amie 4-1 jt-fav. 18 ran.

3.25 1, Plinth (9-2); 2, Golden Drum (8-1); 3, Stratton Flyer (20-1). Chan The Man, Kiwi Crystal 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: The Yokel.

4.05 1, Classic Pal (7-1); 2, No Light (16-1); 3, Ajdar (16-1). Winsford Hill 100-30 fav. 13 ran.

4.35 1, Gratomi (6-1), 2, Santella Cape (4-1); 3, Prototype (7-2 fav). 19 ran. NR: Cloudy House.

5.10 1, Martell Boy (7-4 fav), 2, Gems Lad (5-1); 3, Father Dowling (33-1). 14 ran.

5.40 1, Ol Mother (4-5 fav), 2, Kerry's Oats (3-1); 3, Treat Me Bold (6-1). 17 ran.

6.10 1, Review Board (11-8 fav); 2, Sea Tarth (5-2); 3, Fullofancy (33-1). 16 ran. NR: Tempered Steel.

Newmarket

6.40 1, Chris's Lad (9-1), 2, Bellas Gate Boy (7-1); 3, Acerbus Dulcis (16-1); 4, Non Vintage (20-1). Durgams First 11-4 fav. 26 ran. NR: Our Eddie.

7.05 1, Rumbustious (4-1); 2, Jangiynyve (6-4 fav), 3, Sun Fairy (14-1). 13 ran.

7.35 1, Shalstayholy (5-2 fav), 2, Ivory Dawn (13-2); 3, Rosy Outlook (9-2). 11 ran.

8.05 1, King Of Tunes (5-1), 2, Wild Sky (7-1), 3, Iamus (7-1). Saifan 2-1 fav.

8.35 1, Stayingalive (9-4); 2, Tadwiga (13-8 fav); 3, Likely Story (16-1). 7 ran.

9.05 1, Keyboogie (1-3 fav), 2, Graceful Lass (12-1), 3, La Curamalal (9-1). 8 ran.

Southwell

6.50 1, Rolled Gold (20-1); 2, Polish Rider (12-1), 3, Professor Page (4-1). Mister Goodguy, Movie Man 5-2 jt-favs. 10 ran.

7.15 1, Ordog Mor (11-4), 2, Mythical Approach (2-7 fav), 3, Charlvic, (33-1). 4 ran.

7.45 1, Sigma Run (11-2); 2, Robert's Toy (13-8 fav), 3, Verde Luna (7-2). 6 ran.

8.15 1, Punkah (2-1), 2, Sky Burst (4-1), 3, Silverdale Lad (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Better Wind, Chief Gale.

8.45 1, Irie Mon (11-4); 2, Furietto (11-2), 3, Never So Blue (7-1). Lucy Tufty 6-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Eurolink The Rebel, Frans Lad.

9.15 1, Hello Me Man (9-4 jt-fav), 2, Noble Lord (9-4 jt-fav), 3, Walking Tall (5-2).

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Slipowitz (25-1), 2, Alagna (2-1), 3, Sam Peeb (5-4 fav). 10 ran.

7.30 1, Bentico (9-2); 2, Ashgore (4-1 jt-fav), 3, Jilly Beveled (33-1). 4-1 jt-fav Sense Of Priority. 10 ran.

8.00 1, Snow Kid (10-11 fav), 2, Night Express (20-1), 3, Icy Guest (9-1). 12 ran.

8.30 1, Alsahib (6-1); 2, Dalliance (4-5 fav), 3, Anonym (11-2). 7 ran.

9.00 1, Michelee (16-1); 2, Edna's Gift (8-13 fav), 3, Jack-N-Jilly (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Medina Miss (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduct 10p in pound.

9.30 1, Hoh Majestic (7-2), 2, Itsinthepost (7-1), 3, Marino Street (8-1). 2-1 fav Norling. 7 ran.

Pritchard equals record

Point-to-point by Carl Evans

TERM ended at the **Torrington Farmers** meeting in North Devon on Saturday as the sport broke for its summer sabbatical.

The new men's champion, Julian Prichard, missed out on the record for the number of winners in a season when Sterling Buck finished third in the open race, but the Herefordshire rider's 37 victories means he shares that honour with Philip Scholfield, who set his mark in 1988. Polly Curling's 40 winners two seasons ago remains the best by either sex.

Asked what had been the highlight of his season, Pritchard replied: "Ending it in one piece. People say I've done it the hard way, not having one big yard behind me, but the worst thing is trying to keep all the owners happy. I wish I had an agent doing that for me. Now I'm off for a bit of a party."

The difference between the Torrington Farmers meeting and the previous 207 is the clientele in the beer tent. It is rare to find riders at the bar on racedays, but at this meeting they congregate there to celebrate the ending of abstinence.

Tim Mitchell, 6ft tall and perpetually dieting, was among the throng after his open race win on Earl Boon, in the Fantus colours he wore with such panache at Cheltenham. He finished second in the table to Pritchard, while new women's champion, Shirley Vickery, won the confined race on Fellow Sioux, after Tangle Baron had ducked out when in the lead.

"That sums up my good luck this season," Vickery said, whose thirtieth winner left her four clear of broken-leg victim Pip Jones. "Everything has gone right for me and less well for others. All the hard work has been worth it."

Dry weather and the death of Giles Hopper at Charing blighted an otherwise fascinating season and, while the threat to hunting clouds the sport's future, the prospect of Fantus defending his hunter's crown next year against such youngsters as Earthmover, Struggles Glory, Bitofamixup, The Bounder and Secret Bay can only fuel interest for the sport's enthusiasts.

TORRINGTON FARMERS (Umberleigh Hunt: 1, Dusty Furlong (Miss K Baily, 4-5 fav); 2, Dharamshala; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Men's Open: 1, Earl Boon (T Mitchell, 1-3 fav); 2, Sweet Kildare, 3, Sterling Buck. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Great Gusto (Miss L Blackford, 4-9 fav); 2, Medias Maid; 3, Lavalight. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Ruth's Boy (Miss P Curling, 2-1 fav); 2, Meadow Cottage; 3, Feltham Mistress. 13 ran. Confined: 1, Fellow Sioux (Miss S Vickery, 10-11 fav); 2, Oneovertheight; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Antam (K Heard, 7-4 fav); 2, Miss Dior; 3, Bessie's Will. 11 ran.

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CHANGING TIMES

RUGBY LEAGUE

Perth Reds show their human side in the rain

Castleford Tigers 16
Perth Reds 24

By Christopher Irvine

THERE was nothing especially superhuman about Perth Reds that some rain did not expose yesterday. The trouble is that it would need to bucket down for three weeks to provide the level playing field in the home series of world club championship matches that came close to putting the skids under the Western Australian outfit.

From the WACA at Perth to Wheldon Road is a culture shock in every sense. Apart from a few spits of rain on one occasion this season, Perth are used to dry weather. The stair rods that pelted the corrugated roof of the main stand beat out the rhythm that Castleford adopted to recover to within two points after they had gone 18-0 down after 34 minutes.

As the storm raged, Perth were reduced to fumbling incohesion and Castleford, not unfamiliar with such conditions, preyed on their errors and the sudden realisation perhaps that they were a long way from home and in trouble. Then the sun popped out and defence was turned into stunning attack with a length-of-the-field try by Rodwell to ease nerves and put the result beyond Castleford.

While those above them in the European Super League have been shamed by the manner of some of their first-round defeats, Castleford and Paris Saint-Germain, who were beaten 28-12 by Hunter Mariners, succeeded in keeping Australian opposition down to manageable proportions.

Since his arrival from Cronulla in April, Stuart Raper, one of Australia's brightest young coaching prospects, has instilled a sense of organisation and purpose about Castleford. It has resulted in a win and two draws in their fight to escape relegation. Despite yesterday's loss, the battling nature of their display was again heartening.

"I was very pleased at the commitment we showed; even when we were 18 points down, we didn't deserve to be in that position, but we hung on and very nearly came up with victory," Raper, whose attention now switches to the visit on Friday by Hunter Mariners, said.

Perth have been more competitive this year than at any time in their brief history. When Scott Wilson, who has put the notoriety of two failed drugs tests and suspension by clubs behind him, was injured early in the second half, the creative spark went out of the Reds, at the same time as their defence began to look vulnerable to the strong-running Castleford forwards, Sampson and Schick particularly.

The first half-hour had been pretty ominous for Castleford, another side guilty, early on at least, of offering too much respect. As well as they scrambled at times in defence, a simple three-man move brought a try by Shiels, an imposing handful, who swotted off one hapless tackler to score after four minutes.

Twenty minutes later, a penalty for holding down in the tackle, quickly taken by Perth, caught Castleford out, as Kearns turned the ball back inside to Grieve, the former Widnes forward. Pressure was reversed when Rodwell, always busy at scrum half, broke free and Wilson supplied the support on his inside for the touchdown.

The timing of Critchley's try, following a fine break by Lidden, just before the break, was the incentive Castleford needed. The rain added to Perth's sense of foreboding. They were unable to stop the charge of Tonks to the line, nor were they particularly well organised as Ford's kick caught the defence out and Chapman plundered the try from Roach's pass. Orr's conversion made it 18-16.

As quickly as it had arrived, the momentum went from Castleford. A counter-attack by Fleming down the left outstripped the home side and Rodwell planted the ball beneath the posts for Ryan to simply add his fourth conversion. To have become the first Australasian side to lose to European opposition would have been too much to bear.

SCORERS: Castleford. Tries: Critchley, Tonks, Chapman. Goals: Tonks, Orr. Perth: Tries: Shiels, Grieve, Wilson, Rodwell. Goals: Ryan (4)

CASTLEFORD TIGERS: J Flowers, J Roach, J Critchley, D Chapman, C Smith, A Vowles, M Ford; L Crooks, R Russell, D Sampson, A Schick, I Tonks, B Tuuta. Subs: D Orr, R Gay, J Lidden, N Sykes.

PERTH REDS: G Fleming; C Ryan, P Bell, T Horan, M Daylight, S Wilson, M Rodwell; B Green, M Fuller, R Kearns, P Shiels, J Grieve, D Higgins. Subs: C Ridding, D Chapman, M Geyer, W Evans

Referee: R Connolly (Wigan)

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP '97

Pool A

Canberra 70 Halifax 6

Pool B

North Queensland 42 Leeds 20
Adelaide 50 Salford 8
Castleford 16 Perth 24
Paris 12 Hunter 28

Paris succumb to Mariners' charge

By Our Sports Staff

PARIS Saint-Germain's hopes of becoming the first club from the European Super League to beat their Australian counterparts in the world club championship faltered when they went down 28-12 to Hunter Mariners.

However, they fared better than most of their English counterparts and led the Australian side 6-4 after 24 minutes in the mid-afternoon heat of the Charlety Stadium. The outstanding player for Paris, full back Dion Bird, followed up an up-and-under from the lively Jason Martin to touch down, and Matt O'Connor kicked the goal.

However, four minutes later, Kevin Iro, the New Zealand and former Wigan centre, broke clear for Robbie Ross to score the second Hunter try.

The Mariners added a touchdown from the centre, Bradley Godden, and, with Piccinelli adding a second goal, they led 16-6 at half-time.

Anthony Brann, the second-row forward, killed off hopes of a Paris renaissance with a fourth Mariner try two minutes after the restart.

Scott Hill scored the Mariners' fifth touchdown, for Piccinelli to add his fourth goal. The biggest cheer of the afternoon came when the France winger, Fabien de Vecchi, grabbed a 66th-minute try for Paris.

The Wales rugby league team manager Mike Nicholas yesterday criticised a decision to field a joint England and Wales team in the World Cup next year.

An International Board meeting in Paris on Friday decided that Wales, the 1995 World Cup semi-finalists, would amalgamate with England to form a Great Britain team for the tournament which will be held in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. The decision has particularly upset Nicholas because, at the same time, a New Zealand Maoris side has been created to take part in the tournament.

The Wales team manager blamed the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive Maurice Lindsay. "It smacks of the International Board trying to manufacture a competition for television and local supporters," Nicholas said.

"We have been dumped for no reason other than Lindsay wants a British team to challenge the Australians. He just wants to get his hands on players like Iestyn Harris, Anthony Sullivan and Keiron Cunningham.

"But what good is that for the overall benefit of the game? By not supporting the Welsh cause Lindsay has killed off any chance of developing the game as a truly international sport."

Nicholas also accused the International Board of treating the Welsh nation with contempt. "I think this is the final nail in the coffin of the Welsh team and is an insult to the hundreds of world-class players produced by Wales."

SIMON WILKINSON

Wayne Evans, of the Perth Reds, brushes off Schick and the grounded Flowers

Europe's best suffering from continental drift

Christopher Irvine on the gulf in class exposed by the world club championship

Ribbing an Australian about events at Edgbaston has tended to elicit a two-word response: rugby league. As well as the maulings on home soil, embarrassment for Super League sides from Europe stretched at the weekend from Canberra to Adelaide and Townsville to Brisbane.

In Australia, the British world club championship expeditionary force is 4-0 down and the points tally is an overwhelming 204-56 in favour of the natives. There will be more thrashings and more red faces for the likes of Halifax Blue Sox, who were beaten 70-6 yesterday by Canberra. Halifax were spared Laurie Daley, the inspirational Australia captain, but not the electrifying pace of Ken Nagas, who scored six tries.

Andy Gregory had no illusions about the challenge that the European game faced, and after a 50-8 beating by Adelaide, the Salford coach was even less sanguine. "The Australasian Super League is far superior," he said. "I could try to kid myself and kid the British public by saying everything is going great in our Super League, but it's not."

Were Wigan to surrender to Canterbury tonight, and Bradford Bulls crumble under the weight of expectancy at home to Penrith, Europe's misery would be complete. Although early days in a competition every bit as agonising as its convoluted structure, hopes are being concentrated in fewer hands by the pace, power and precision of the Australasian opposition.

After Auckland Warriors, the weakest Australasian side, had upended St Helens, the European champions, at Knowsley Road on Friday, Denis Betts spoke of an inferiority complex in the British game. He is right, up to a point. Self-belief cannot combat the speed with which Australian and New Zealand teams play the ball, nor their muscular intensity. Before defences have reassembled they are being broken almost at will. Karl Harrison, the Halifax captain, was not alone when he said that the pace of the game at Canberra was beyond anything in his experience.

The British game has been trailing since 1982, when the Australia touring team exposed its shortcomings. The same appears to be happening again. Bradford and Wigan can perhaps compete at the same level, but the world club championship is becoming a protracted and brutal learning process.

The initial results should not come as a surprise. Claims that the introduction of summer rugby and the Super League would address all the game's ills were overblown. If they serve any purpose, it is to reinforce that the Super League should be concentrating talent rather than considering an expansion next season from 12 to 14 clubs.

The saving grace is the contrived format that guarantees European teams four quarter-final places. As chastening as it would be for them to assemble in the knockout stages with one or perhaps no wins to their name, home advantage could yet send a team into the final, in Australia in October. As for Bradford tonight, Britain expects . . .

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England wrap up perfect gift for departing manager

England Under-15 2
Germany Under-15 1

By Russell Kempson

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

JOHN OWENS, the England Under-15 manager, struggled to be heard at Wembley on Saturday, not because he was speechless at his side's elegantly executed and deserved victory in the Walkers Crisps International Shield, and not because he was choked with emotion after his final match in charge.

Owens, a maths teacher at Cowley High School in St Helens and a part-time youth coach with Liverpool, was unable to convey his true feelings because of the overwhelming appreciation that he received from officials of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA), parents and players. Such was the level of praise, it was almost impossible for him to carry on an uninterrupted conversation as the post-match festivities reached their conclusion.

Most heartfelt, after his three years as assistant manager and a similar period in charge, were the brief goodbyes from his squad as they delivered parting handshakes. If Owens felt a tinge of sadness, he hid it well.

"I was very pleased, we put on a good performance," he said. "It left us feeling good about the state of English football and that's how it should be. The boys have been very adaptable this season, very responsive to different ideas, and have played some nice football.

"Hopefully, they'll now push on with their clubs. There's always some fall-out, those that don't make the grade, but they all have the potential. They're now entering a tunnel and it's a question of whether they can come out at the other end."

Owens hands over to his assistant, John Parnaby, a teacher from Bishop Auckland and a former manager of Gateshead. Continuity is the way of the ESFA and although plans are afoot to break years of tradition by making the job a full-time appointment, Parnaby inherits a vibrant set-up.

England were beaten only once during the season — disregarding penalty shoot-out defeats in their Montaigu World Cup campaign — and proved too resilient, mentally and physically, for Germany, especially in the strength-sapping closing stages.

Osman had given England the lead on the half-hour, when he delicately headed in Warnock's free kick and whipped the 39,000-strong crowd into further high-pitched frenzy. Bansch equalised six minutes later, after Evans had fumbled Bradasch's 30-yard drive, but England gradually reasserted control. McReady, from the Crewe Alexandra academy, coped coolly and competently in central defence, O'Brien strode forward with purpose from full back and Osman dominated midfield and supported the attack. In Cole, too, England have a wandering minstrel of immense possibilities.

Cole, 15, is from north London but plays for West Ham United, much to Arsenal's apparent chagrin. His musical tastes favour Oasis and Pulp, but his football skills already stand alone. At ease with the ball on his left or right foot and possessing a shimmy and dip of the shoulder that would deceive the most experienced defender, he teased Germany all afternoon. "He's special, very special," Owens said.

Victory was secured courtesy of Armstrong's 65th-minute goal, when he neatly converted Standing's clever pass. It was too much for Erich Rutemöller, the Germany coach, who berated his players as they lay exhausted on the pitch at the end. For Owens, though, it was a fitting finale. And the thanks kept on coming.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Cole, the outstanding young England forward, is thwarted for once by Burgermeier's sliding tackle

'The performance left us feeling good about the state of English football'

ENGLAND UNDER-15 (4-4-2): **R Evans** (Chelsea, sub **M Bingham**, Blackburn Rovers, 69min) — **C O'Brien** (Liverpool; sub **R Wright**, Preston North End, 77), **M Maley** (Sunderland), **C McReady** (Crewe Alexandra), **C Hanson** (Middlesbrough) — **I Armstrong** (Liverpool; sub **P Burke**, Sheffield United, 76), **M Standing** (Aston Villa; sub **S Fitcroft**, Blackburn Rovers, 69), **L Osman** (Everton), **S Warnock** (Liverpool) — **J Cole** (West Ham United), **L Mike** (Manchester City, sub **P Taylor**, Tranmere Rovers, 60)

GERMANY UNDER-15 (4-4-2): **M Kufner** (Bayern Munich) — **M Yarayan** (SC Freiberg), **M Kirchoff** (VfB Leipzig), **E Bradasch** (Alsbach), **S Burgermeier** (Bayern Munich; sub **S Bonig**, Bayern Munich, 57) — **F Bansch** (SG Post Süd Regensburg), **D Woidtke** (Borussia Dortmund; sub **C Dombrowski**, Eintracht Frankfurt, 41, sub **S Placzek**, Borussia Dortmund, 69), **B Schlicke** (Nürnberg), **B Adnon** (VfB Stuttgart, sub **T Rau**, Eintracht Braunschweig, 57) — **L Jungnickel** (Dynamo Dresden), **T Schaaff** (SV Waldhof Mannheim, sub **T Seiler**, VfL Bochum, 57)

Referee: R Dodge (Bedfordshire)

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First Cornhill Test match
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EDGBASTON: England v Australia

Costcutter Cup
Semi-final
11 0, 55 overs
HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

AON RISK TROPHY (one-day) **Old Trafford:** Lancashire v Yorkshire. **Eastbourne:** Sussex v Kent. **Aston Unity:** Warwickshire v Leicestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two) **Dunstable:** Bedfordshire v Suffolk. **Neston:** Cheshire v Wiltshire. **Dean Park, Bournemouth:** Dorset v Wales. **Bourne:** Lincolnshire v Buckinghamshire. **Jesmond:** Northumberland v Norfolk. **Challow and Childrey:** Oxfordshire v Shropshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League world club championship
Pool A
Bradford v Penrith (7 45) . . . .
Canterbury v Wigan (10 30am) . . . . .

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Nottingham (2.30), Pontefract (2.45); Warwick (6 15), Windsor (6.30)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Wolverhampton v Peterborough (7.30) Premier League: Reading v Arena Essex (7 30) Amateur League: Exeter and Newport v Peterborough (7 30): Ryde (IoW) v Buxton (7.15)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London), DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

TOURNOI DE FRANCE: Brazil v England (at Parc des Princes, Paris, 7 30)

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (50 overs): Semi-finals: The Oval: Surrey v Leicestershire. Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire.

COSTCUTTER CUP: Semi-final (55 overs) Harrogate: Durham v Scotland

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: New Zealand Maoris v Ireland Development XV (in Palmerston North, 8 35am).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay).

HOCKEY: International match: Holland v England (in Groningen)

RACING: Redcar (2.0), Salisbury (2.15)

SPEEDWAY: Amateur League. St Austell v Peterborough (7 30)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London), DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

TOURNOI DE FRANCE: France v Italy (at Parc des Princes, Paris, 7 45)

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Gauteng Lions v British Isles XV (at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, 6 15)

CRICKET

TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (first day of three): Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Australians.

COSTCUTTER CUP: Final (55 overs), at Harrogate

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay)

RACING: Beverley (2 0), Hamilton Park (7.0), Newmarket (6.40); Salisbury (2.20); Yarmouth (2.10), Uttoxeter (6.50).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: King's Lynn v Eastbourne (7 45) Premier League: Hull v Glasgow (7 30); Long Eaton v Oxford (7.30). Individual: Battle of Britain Trophy (at Poole, 7.30)

SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (at Glasgow)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): *Cardiff:* Glamorgan v Middlesex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Basingstoke: Hampshire v Somerset. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent. The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire. Hove: Sussex v Essex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIAN: Bramham three-day event

GOLF: British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay)

HOCKEY: International match: Pakistan v England (at Breda)

RACING: Carlisle (2 20), Goodwood (2.10); Newbury (2.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Sheffield v Hull (7 45)

SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (at Glasgow)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool B: Adelaide Rams v Leeds Rhinos (11 30am); Castleford Tigers v Hunter Mariners (7.30)

FIRST DIVISION: Hull v Dewsbury Rams (8 0)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: International match: Estonia v England (in Tallinn).

EQUESTRIANISM: Bramham three-day event.

GOLF: De Vere Seniors Classic (Belton Woods, Lincolnshire); British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay)

RACING: Chepstow (6 40), Goodwood (6 30), Market Rasen (6 50), Sandown Park (2 15), Southwell (AW, 2 30), York (2 10)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7 30), Peterborough v Eastbourne (7 30) Premier League: Edinburgh v Newcastle (7 30) Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Oxford v Reading v Exeter v Newport (7 30) Amateur League: Newport and Exeter v Berwick (7.0)

SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (at Glasgow)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London), DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston).

SATURDAY

CRICKET

TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (first day of three). Leicester: Leicestershire v Australians

UNIVERSITY MATCHES (first day of three) Fenner's: Cambridge University v Durham. The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Natal Sharks v British Isles XV (at King's Park, Durban, 2.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

SUPER LEAGUE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Bradford Bulls v Auckland Warriors (6.0). Pool B: North Queensland Cowboys v Oldham Bears (10 30am)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL. World League (WLAF): Barcelona Dragons v Scottish Claymores (7.30)

EQUESTRIANISM: Bramham three-day event

GOLF: De Vere Seniors Classic (Belton Woods, Lincolnshire), Scottish amateur strokeplay championship (at Monifieth), British women's amateur championship (at Cruden Bay)

HOCKEY: International match: Holland v England (in Rotterdam).

RACING: Bath (2 0), Leicester (6.45) Lingfield Park (AW, 6.0), Market Rasen (2 15), Sandown Park (1 50); York (2 10)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Eastbourne v Peterborough (7 30) Premier League: Berwick v Sheffield (6.30), Stoke v Long Eaton (7 30) Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Arena Essex v Oxford v Reading v Exeter (8 0) Amateur League: King's Lynn and Ipswich v Belle Vue (6.0): Swindon and Reading v Berwick (7 30)

SWIMMING: Scottish national championships (at Glasgow)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs) Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Basingstoke: Hampshire v Somerset. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent. The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire. Hove: Sussex v Essex. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Western Samoa v Ireland (at Apia, 3 30am)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

SUPER LEAGUE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A: Canberra Raiders v London Broncos (5 30); Canterbury Bulldogs v Halifax Blue Sox (5 30): Warrington Wolves v Penrith Panthers. Pool B: Sheffield Eagles v Perth Western Reds (6 35)

FIRST DIVISION: Huddersfield Giants v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Keighley Cougars v Swinton Lions, Widnes Vikings v Whitehaven Warriors; Workington Town v Hull Kingston Rovers. Second division: Batley Bulldogs v Lancashire Lynx (3 15): Carlisle Border Raiders v Leigh Centurions, Doncaster Dragons v York Wasps; Prescot Panthers v Barrow; Rochdale Hornets v Hunslet Hawks

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): London Monarchs v Rhein Fire (at Stamford Bridge, 3 0)

ATHLETICS: IAAF Grand Prix (at Gateshead)

EQUESTRIANISM: Bramham three-day event

GOLF: De Vere Seniors Classic (Belton Woods, Lincolnshire), Scottish amateur strokeplay championship (at Monifieth)

HOCKEY: International match: South Africa v England (at Amstelveen)

MOTOR RACING: British touring car championship (at Donington Park).

TABLE TENNIS: National team finals (at Saltash)

TENNIS: Stella Artois tournament (at Queen's Club, London); DFS Classic women's tournament (at Edgbaston)

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WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Scottish Claymores 9 London Monarchs 10 (at Murrayfield)

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Richmond 11 11 (77) bt Collingwood 10 11 (71); St Kilda 13 11 (89) bt West Coast Eagles 11 7 (73); Adelaide 14 13 (97) bt Melbourne 5 15 (45); *Sydney Swans 10 16 (76) bt Port Adelaide* 4 17 (41); Hawthorn 17 22 (124) bt Essendon 13 13 (91); Western Bulldogs 14 12 (96) bt Geelong 11 9 (75)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 7 Boston 3; Detroit 3 Seattle 6; New York Yankees 6 Milwaukee 3; Toronto 4 Oakland 1; Chicago White Sox 7 Baltimore 3; Kansas City 2 Texas 1; Minnesota 9 Anaheim 7. **Saturday:** Chicago White Sox 1 Baltimore 0 (11 inns); Kansas City 10 Texas 4; New York Yankees 2 Milwaukee 0; Toronto 3 Oakland 1; Cleveland 9 Boston 5; Detroit 3 Seattle 1; *Minnesota 6 Anaheim 1*

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	38	17	691	—
NY Yankees	33	27	550	7½
Toronto	28	29	491	11
Detroit	27	31	466	12½
Boston	23	35	397	16½
Central division				
Cleveland	30	26	536	—
Milwaukee	28	29	491	2½
Chicago WS	28	30	483	3
Kansas City	27	30	474	3½
Minnesota	27	33	450	5
West division				
Texas	31	27	534	—
Seattle	32	28	533	—
Anaheim	30	28	517	1
Oakland	25	37	403	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Cincinnati 5 New York Mets 2; Montreal 3 Chicago Cubs 0; Pittsburgh 5 Philadelphia 4 (10 inns); Los Angeles 1 St Louis 3; Houston 8 San Diego 7; San Francisco 5 Atlanta 9. **Postponed:** Colorado v Florida. **Saturday:** Cincinnati 10 New York Mets 5; Florida 7 Colorado 5; Pittsburgh 9 Philadelphia 2; Los Angeles 5 St Louis 2; Atlanta 5 San Francisco 2; Montreal 5 Chicago Cubs 0; San Diego 5 Houston 4

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	41	19	683	—
Florida	34	24	586	6
NY Mets	33	27	550	8
Montreal	31	28	525	9½
Philadelphia	20	39	339	20½
Central division				
Pittsburgh	31	29	.517	—
Houston	30	31	492	1½
St Louis	27	32	.458	3½
Chicago Cubs	24	36	.400	7
Cincinnati	24	36	400	7
West division				
San Francisco	33	26	.559	—
Colorado	32	27	.542	1
Los Angeles	29	30	.492	4
San Diego	27	32	.458	6

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Finals: Utah 104 Chicago 93 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Final round. Group A: In Zalaegerszeg: Germany bt Spain 72-71; Lithuania bt Czech Republic 89-82; Ukraine bt Yugoslavia 81-67. Spain bt Czech Republic 82-78. Yugoslavia bt Lithuania 82-79. **Group B: In Pecs:** Slovakia bt Moldova 70-55; Italy bt Hungary 70-68; Bosnia-Herzegovina bt Russia 76-75; Slovakia bt Italy 81-55. Russia bt Hungary 75-66.

BOWLS

ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Middleton Cup): **Group 1A:** Cumbria 134 (17pts) Durham 105 (5); Northumberland 100 (7) Yorkshire 119 (15). **Group 1B:** Lincolnshire 121 (18) Nottinghamshire 106 (4). **Group 2A:** Bedfordshire 106 (4) Hertfordshire 141 (18); Leicestershire 91 (2) Northamptonshire 130 (20). **Group 2B:** Huntingdonshire 93 (7) Cambridgeshire 107 (15), Essex 114 (15) Suffolk 112 (6). **Group 3A:** Buckinghamshire 122 (20) Hampshire 99 (2). **Group 3B:** Middlesex 122 (4) Berkshire 137 (18), Kent 117 (16) Sussex 107 (6). **Group 4A:** Warwickshire 121 (14) Worcestershire 114 (8). **Group 4B:** Dorset *102 (4) Cornwall 136 (18)*, Devon 114 (18) Wiltshire 98 (4)

SCOTTISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: North section: Aberdeen and Kincardine 98 Buchan 131, Dundee 115 Bon Accord 102, Highland 144 Angus 88, Perthshire 137 Northern Counties 92. **East section:** Stirlingshire East 127 Fife 120; East Lothian 103 Linlithgowshire 109, Midlothian 126 Edinburgh and Leith 94; West Fife 107 Borders 121. **West section:** Argyll Bute 117 Renfrewshire West 118; Glasgow North 110 Clackmannan and Kinross 111, Lanarkshire West 106 Stirlingshire West 125. **South section.** Dumfriesshire 150 Lanarkshire South 98, Renfrewshire South 125 Glasgow South 89, Dumbartonshire 111 Ayrshire 121, Stewartry 106 Wigtownshire 119

BOXING

SACRAMENTO, California: World Boxing Council intercontinental heavyweight championship: I Ibeabuchi (Nigeria) bt D Tua (NZ, holder) pts. **Junior-middleweight** (10 rnds): J L Lopez (Mex) bt A Davis (US) pts

EQUESTRIANISM

LISBON: International Grand Prix: 1, Virtual Village Showtime (N Skelton, GB) clear 33.78sec; 2, Renville (J Fisher, GB) clear 35.80; 3, Cartujano Miss Flo (P Maldonado, Sp) clear 37.05

GOLF

POTOMAC, Maryland: Kemper Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 202: M Wiebe 69, 67, 66. 205: M Springer 68, 70, 67. 206: N Faldo (GB) 73, 65, 68. 207: J Sindelar 71, 68, 68; J Leonard 69, 69, 69. 208: D Sutherland 72, 71, 65; D Forsman 72, 71, 65; L Roberts 70, 69, 69; P Stankowski 67, 72, 69; J Morse 69, 68, 71. 209: M Brooks 69, 71, 69; J Maggert 72, 69, 68; J McGovern 72, 69, 68. 210: R Alarcon (Mex) 70, 72, 68; S Appleby (Aus) 71, 69, 70; J M Olazábal (Sp) 70, 69, 71; N Price (Zim) 66, 72, 72; G Norman (Aus) 66, 71, 73. 211: B Hughes (Aus) 69, 73, 69; P Tataurangi (NZ) 71, 71, 70. 212: K Hosokawa (Japan) 70, 70, 72. 213: D Frost (SA) 73, 68, 72. 214: V Singh (Fiji) 73, 70, 71. 216: C Parry (Aus) 73, 68, 75.

LA MOYE: Jersey Seniors Open: Leading final scores: 204: T Horton 69, 67, 68. 210: C Deloy 71, 70, 69. 213: J M Cañizares (Sp) 71, 70, 72; P Leonard 69, 70, 74. 214: M Gregson 71, 73, 70; I Richardson 70, 71, 73. 215: B Waites 73, 71, 71. 216: A Garrido (Sp) 71, 77, 69; L Higgins 71, 71, 74; J Rhodes 73, 72, 71. 217: D Creamer 72, 69, 76; B Verwey (SA) 74, 73, 70. 219: G Hunt 77, 68, 74; D Huish 71, 72, 76; R Vines (Aus) 69, 74, 76. 220: J Garner 73, 74, 75. 221: J Fourie (SA) 77, 72, 72; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 74, 71, 76

KARLSTEIN, Czech Republic: KB Challenge: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated). 271: A Celka (Ger) 68, 70, 65, 68. 273: M Reale (It) 68, 68, 70, 67. 274: M Pendaries (Fr) 69, 69, 68, 68. 275: T Levet (Fr) 69, 69, 69, 68. 276: N Vanhootegem (Bel) 70, 70, 69, 67; L James 69, 68, 70, 69. 277: G Chalmers (Aus) 77, 66, 66, 68; S Cronin 65, 75, 68, 69. 278: A Barnett 70, 74, 70, 64; R Winchester 68, 74, 69, 67; R Derksen (Holl) 72, 70, 69, 67; A Lebouc (Fr) 69, 73, 67, 69; M Hazelden 72, 69, 67, 70. 279: D R Jones 72, 70, 70, 67; P Gottfridsson (Swe) 69, 72, 68, 70; F Mansson (Swe) 71, 67, 68, 73.

VEJLE: Women's Danish Open: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated). 207: L Davies 68, 70, 69. 210: M Hjorth (Swe) 73, 73, 64. 213: M L de Lorenzi (Fr) 72, 69, 72; K Lunn (Aus) 73, 71, 69. 214: V Michaud (Fr) 73, 75, 66; J Head 73, 71, 70. 215: L Tadiotto (Bel) 69, 72, 74; P Meunier Lebouc (Fr) 71, 70, 74; P Sterner (Swe) 69, 74, 72. 216: J Leary (Aus) 73, 74, 69. 217: A-M Knight (Aus) 74, 74, 69. 218: A C Jonasson (Swe) 70, 75, 73; M Sutton 73, 72, 73; L Brooky (NZ) 75, 72, 71. 219: S Elliott 73, 75, 71; L Ericsson (Swe) 75, 76, 68; M Lodahl (Swe) 70, 74, 75; L Fairclough 79, 70, 70; I Tinning (Den) 75, 71, 73; S Forster 75, 74, 70. 220: D Barnard 75, 73, 72; N Gole (Aus) 74, 72, 74; W Dicks 76, 68, 76; S Gustafson (Swe) 73, 77, 70; N Moult 72, 74, 74. 221: F Dassu (It) 73, 75, 73; G Stewart 71, 75, 75; T Craik 71, 74, 76; L Navarro (Sp) 71, 76, 74; M Koch (Ger) 76, 73, 72; S Mendiburu (Fr) 74, 72, 75; S Head 74, 74, 73.

EAST LANSING, Michigan: LPGA Olds Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated). 207: L Hackney (GB) 68, 71, 68. 209: P Hurst 68, 70, 71. 210: J Lidback (Peru) 71, 71, 68; S Redman 70, 70, 70; E Crosby 68, 72, 70; J Inkster 69, 70, 71. 211: C Johnston-Forbes 74, 64, 73. 212: B Whitehead 70, 72, 70; C Pierce (GB) 70, 72, 70; K Saiki 73, 68, 71; M McGann 73, 67, 72. 213: L Neumann (Swe) 72, 66, 75. 216: M Hirase (Japan) 75, 71, 70; H Kobayashi (Japan) 72, 73, 71; N Daghe (Swe) 70, 74, 72. 217: S Strudwick (GB) 74, 71, 72; K Webb (Aus) 70, 73, 74

WENTWORTH: Scratch trophy: Aggregate: 147: K Knowles (Worplesdon) 72, 75. 151: K Macintosh (Victoria) 72, 79; K Taylor (S Springs) 72, 79. 152: L Gibson (Canons Brook) 72, 80; J Lamb (West Wiltshire) 73, 79; G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District) 74, 78. **West course:** K Burton (St George's Hill) 77. **East course:** P Williamson (Burnham Beeches) 70

GYMNASTICS

CARDIFF: Welsh Open Championship: Men: 1, K Atherton (Telford) 51.10pts; 2, C Heap (Lilleshall) 49.80; 3, A Atherton (Telford) 49.00; 4, P Morris (Harrow) 48.70; 5, J Brady (Huntingdon) 48.30; 6, S Lyons (Liverpool) 45.55. **Women:** 1, L Podkpayeva (Ukr) 35.424pts; 2, S Millham (Leeds) 32.1875; 3, K Featherstone (Liverpool) 31.475; 4, Au Li Yen (Malaysia) 31.26; 5, L Davidson (Llanelli) 30.90; 6, S Salthouse (Garstang) 30.725

HOCKEY

BERLIN: Women's Champions' Trophy: Great Britain 2 United States 1, South Korea 3 Australia 2; Germany 2 Holland 0.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	5	3	2	0	11	5	11
Australia	5	3	1	1	13	4	10
S Korea	5	3	0	2	9	6	9
Holland	5	2	0	3	4	6	6
United States	5	1	1	3	4	12	4
Great Britain	5	1	0	4	2	10	3

FINAL: Australia 2 Germany 1. **Third-fourth place play-off:** Holland 5 South Korea 2. **Fifth-sixth place play-off:** Great Britain 3 United States 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Finals: Detroit 2 Philadelphia 1 (Detroit win series 4-0).

MOTORCYCLING

LE CASTELLET: French Grand Prix: 500cc (117.8 km, 31 laps): 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 42min 38.084sec; 2, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 4.292; 3, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 5.715; 4, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 6.159; 5, T Aoki (Japan, Honda) 24.227. **Leading world championship positions:** 1, Doohan 145pts; 2, Criville 102; 3, Okada 74; 4, N Aoki (Japan) 67; 5, L Cadalora (It) 59. 250cc (110.2km, 29 laps): 1, T Harada (Japan, Aprilia) 40min 58.961sec; 2, M Biaggi (It, Honda) 0.043sec behind; 3, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 0.224; 4, L Capirossi (It, Aprilia) 8.387; 5, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 29.702. **Leading championship positions:** 1, Biaggi 111pts; 2, Waldmann 98; 3, Harada 81; 4, O Jacque (Fr) 61; 5, Ukawa 52. 125cc (102.6 km, 27 laps): 1, V Rossi (It, Aprilia) 40min 20.214sec; 2, T Manako (Japan, Honda) at 2.961; 3, G McCoy (Aus, Aprilia) 12.462; 4, Y Ui (Japan, Yamaha) 17.681; 5, F Petit (Fr, Honda) 30.402; 6, Y Katoh (Japan, Yamaha) 38.164. **Leading championship positions:** 1, Rossi 120pts; 2, N Ueda (Japan) 99; 3, Manako 71; 4, K Sakata (Japan) 69; 5, *J Martinez (Sp) 57*

HOCKENHEIM, Germany: World superbike championship: First race (14 laps, 59.08 miles): 1, A Slight (NZ, Castrol Honda) 28min 54.050sec; 2, J Kocinski (US, Castrol Honda) 28:54.085; 3, S Russell (US, Yamaha) 29:00.451; 4, C Fogarty (GB, Ducati) 29:00.451; 5, P-F Chili (It, Ducati) 29:00.683. **Second race** (14 laps, 59.08 miles): 1, Fogarty 28:57.410; 2, A Yanagawa (Japan, Kawasaki) 28:58.107; 3, J Whitham (GB, Suzuki) 28:58.809; 4, Russell 29:01.301; 5, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 29:01.577. **Leading positions after four rounds:** 1, Fogarty 148; 2, Slight 124; 3, Kocinski 118; 4, Crafar 91; 5, Edwards 79

MOTOR RALLYING

SCOTTISH RALLY: *Leading final positions:* 1, A McRae (GB, Volkswagen Golf) 2hr 14min 35sec; 2, T Laukkanen (Fin, Volkswagen Golf) 2:14:43; 3, G Evans (GB, Ford Escort) 2:14:57; 4, H Rovanpera (Fin, SEAT Ibiza) 2:17:11; 5, R Head (GB, Renault Megane) 2:20:32; 6, D Higgins (GB, Subaru Impreza) 2:21:09; 7, M Rowe (GB, Renault Megane) 2:21:19; 8, R Champion (GB, Subaru Impreza) 2:23:43; 9, J Milner (GB, Toyota Celica) 2:25:57; 10, J Porter (GB, Mitsubishi Lancer) 2:27:39. *Mobil 1 British Championship: Leading positions:* Drivers: 1, McRae 72pts; 2, Evans 64; 3, Head 61; 4, Laukkanen 48; 5, Rowe 45. **Manufacturers:** 1, Volkswagen 40pts; 2, Ford 35; 3, Renault 24.

KAMENA VOURLA, Greece: Acropolis Rally: First day: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin, Ford) 1hr 43min 25sec; 2 equal, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi) and R Burns (GB, Mitsubishi) 1:43:52; 4, C Sainz (Sp, Ford) 1:44:47; 5, T Radstrom (Swe, Toyota) 1:46.01.

ROWING

LONDON DOCKLANDS REGATTA: Saturday: Men: Eights: Open: Oxford Brookes. **Senior one:** University of London. **Senior two:** Eton. **Senior three:** Garda Siochana (Ire). **Senior four:** Thames Tradesmen. **Novice:** Newcastle Univ. **Fours: Coxless: Senior one:** Exeter University. **Senior two:** University of London. **Coxed: Open:** University of London. **Senior one:** St Paul's. **Senior two:** Eton. **Senior three:** Imperial College. **Novice:** St Paul's. **Pairs: Open:** Molesey. **Senior one:** Birmingham Composite. **Senior two:** Star and Arrow. **Sculls: Open quads:** Irish Composite. **Open double sculls:** Irish Composite. **Lightweight double sculls:** Tideway Scullers' Schools. **Single sculls: Open:** City of Oxford (Briscoe) and Tideway Scullers Schools (Male). **Senior one:** Commercial Ireland (O'Toole). **Senior two.** Upper Thames (Cooke). **Senior three:** Commercial Ireland (McGuinness). **Novice:** University of London (Adams). **Lightweight:** Leander (Long). **Women: Eights: Senior one:** Durham University. **Senior three:** Exeter University. **Fours: Open: Coxless:** Nottingham Boat Club. **Coxed: Open:** Lea. **Senior one:** University of London. **Senior two:** Exeter University. **Senior three:** Imperial College. **Pairs: Open:** UTS Sydney. **Senior one:** George Watson's/King's Canterbury Composite. **Lightweight:** Thames Tradesmen. **Sculling: Open: Quads:** Thames A. **Senior two:** Thames. **Double sculls: Open:** Molesey. **Lightweight double sculls:** Hereford. **Single sculls: Open:** UTS, Sydney (Royei). **Senior one:** Notts County (Carroll). **Senior two:** Molesey (Rachel). **Senior three:** Upper Thames (Ayling). **Lightweight:** Thames (Doyle). **Yesterday: Men: Eights: Open:** Imperial/London composite. **Senior one:** Thames. **Senior two:** University of Bristol. **Fours: Coxless: Senior one:** Molesey. **Coxed: Senior three:** University College London. **Novice:** University of Bristol. **Double sculls: Lightweight:** Kingston. **Single sculls: Open:** Tynan (Monnickendam). **Senior one:** University of London (Adams). **Senior two and three:** Castle Connell (O'Connor). **Novice:** Southampton University (Reynolds). **Lightweight:** Commercial (Mahoney). **Women: Eights: Open:** *Imperial College*. **Senior one:** Thames. **Senior three:** St Aidan's College. **Fours: Coxed: Senior one:** Lea. **Senior two:** University College, London. **Senior three:** Northwich. **Coxless pairs: Open:** UTS, Sydney. **Lightweight:** Avon County. **Sculling: Open: Quads:** Thames B. **Lightweight double sculls:** Broxbourne. **Single sculls: Open:** UTS, Sydney (Royei). **Senior one:** Thames (Van Leeuwen). **Senior two:** Thames (Doyle). **Senior three:** Castle Connell (Delmata). **Lightweight:** Kingston (Stevens)

SAILING

PUNTA ALA, Italy: Corel WordPerfect *Mumm 36 world championship:* 1, Thomas I Punkt (T Friese and G Bracy, Ger) 47.00pts; 2, Jameson (T Roche and C Larsen, Ire) 64.50; 3, Breeze (P Gaia and T Cheffi, It) 79.50; 4, Georgia Express (J Farmer and D Barnes, NZ) 83.00; 5, Katee (L Dewulf and T Dodson, Bel) 85.00; 6, Bravo (B Sailing and T Grael, Br) 90.50; 7, Brademarnie (T Barrett and J Merricks, GB) 93.50

SCHOOLS SPORT

Cricket

Band of Brothers 213 * Tonbridge 214 (M Barnes 130), Caterham 215 * Trinity 216-4. *Charterhouse 217* * RGS Guildford 219-5 (A Hemingway 128). Cheltenham 225-5dec * Repton 125-7; * Chigwell 180-2 Westminster 87-7. Christ's Hospital 183-8dec * Wrekin 142-8. * Clayesmore 131-8dec Allhallows 69-5. Haileybury 233-7dec * Dulwich 137-9. * John Fisher 275-3dec (B Sherbourne 145 not out) Wallington 183. John Lyons 165-3dec (N Noh 111 not out) * OE Barnet 90-7. KCS Wimbledon 200-2 Kingston 146. King's Taunton 284-8 (N Boulton 150) Monmouth 95. * Merchant Taylors, Northwood 228-5dec Felsted 185-5. * Prior Park 195-4dec (A Owen 110 not out) Wells Cathedral 69. St Albans 182-4dec Aldenham 149-4. St Edmund's 81 * Cranbrook 94-2; St George's, Weybridge 145 * *St John's, Leatherhead 145-2 (M* Cook 101 not out). St Lawrence Ramsgate 150 * King's Rochester 152; * Wellingborough 209-3dec Ratcliffe Coll 171-7. * Woodhouse Grove 118-9dec Bradford GS 96. * *denotes home team*

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 53 Swindon 37, Swindon 47 Bradford 43. Eastbourne 48 Swindon 42.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Oxford 18 Glasgow 18, Edinburgh 55 Newport 35; Berwick 59 Newport 31. **Postponed:** Skegness v Long Eaton.

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Arena Essex 46 Reading 43; Stoke 45 Glasgow 44

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Belle Vue Colts 48 St Austell 29; Mildenhall 39 Peterborough 39; Berwick 38 Reading and Swindon 10 (match abandoned), Lathallan 35 Reading and Swindon 42; Buxton 44 Mildenhall 33

IPSWICH: Golden Gauntlet match race: C Louis (Ipswich, holder) bt M Loram (Bradford)

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men: Singles: Final: G Kuerten (Br) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. **Doubles: Final:** Y Kafelnikov (Russ) and D Vacek (Cz) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) *and M Woodforde (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.* **Women: Singles: Final:** I Majoli (Cro) bt M Hingis (Switz) 6-4, 6-2. **Doubles: Final:** G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Bela) bt M J Fernandez (US) and L Raymond (US) 6-2, 6-3. **Mixed doubles: Final:** R Hiraki (Japan) and M Bhupathi (India) bt Raymond and P Galbraith (US) 6-4, 6-1. **Boys: Singles: Semi-finals:** D Elsner (Ger) bt A Di Pasquale (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; L Horna (Peru) bt O Rochus (Bel) 6-4, 7-6. **Final:** Elsner bt Horna 6-4, 6-4. **Doubles: Final:** J de Armas (Ven) and Horna bt Di Pasquale and J Jeanpierre (Fr) 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. **Girls: Singles: Semi-finals:** C Black (Zim) bt A Alcazar (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; J Henin (Bel) bt N Dechy (Fr) 5-7, 7-6, 6-1. **Final:** Henin bt Black 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. **Doubles: Semi-final:** M Matevzic (Slovenia) and K Srebotnik (Slovenia) bt A Sebova (Slovakia) and G Volekova (Slovakia) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. *Final:* Black and I Seljutina (Kaz) bt Matevzic and Srebotnik 6-0, 5-7, 7-5

SURBITON: Surrey International Championships: Women: Final: T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt A Olsza (Pol) 5-7, 7-6, 5-0 ret.

TRIATHLON

NICE: ITU long-distance world championships: Men: 1, L van Lierde (Bel) 5hr 35min 44sec; 2, R Barel (Holl) 5:39.48; 3, J C Gunschard (Switz) 5:41.00. **Women:** 1, I Estedt (Ger) 6hr 12min 04sec; 2, I Mouthon (Fr) 6:19.04; 3, V Berasategui (Sp) 6:23.33.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA. Twenty-first stage (Malè to Edolo, 238km): 1, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) 7hr 13min 36sec; 2, I Gotti (It, Saeco) at 1sec; 3, W Belli (It, Brescialat) same time; 4, J Rubiera (Sp, Kelme) at 1min 33sec; 5, A Noe (It, Asics); 6, N Miceli (It, AKI); 7, G Guerini (It, Polti); 8, G di Grande (It, Mapei) all same time; 9, D de Paoli (It, Ros Mary) 2:00; *10, S Gonichar (Ukraine, AKI) same* time. **Twenty-second stage** (Boario Terme to Milan 165km): 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 4hr 24min 41sec; 2, G Magnusson (Swe, Amore and Vita); 3, L Mazzanti (It, Ceramiche Refin); 4, N Loda (It, Maglificio MG); 5, M Wust (Ger, Festina); 6, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat); 7, D Zanette (It, AKI); 8, Z Spruch (Pol, Mapei); 9, A Sivakov (Russ, Roslotto); 10, M Hvastija (Slovakia, Roslotto) all same time. **Leading final overall positions:** 1, Gotti 102hr 53min 58sec; 2, Tonkov at 1min 27sec; 3, Guerini 7:40; 4, Miceli 10:20; 5, Gonichar 12:44; 6, Belli 12:48; 7, Di Grande 12:54; 8, M Serrano (Sp, Kelme) 16:07; 9, S Garzelli (It, Mercatone Uno) 19:08; 10, Rubiera 18:56

CLASSIC OF THE ALPS (Aix-les-Bains to Chambery, 179km): 1, L Roux (Fr, TVM) 5hr 2min 11sec; 2, L Madouas (Fr, Lotto) same time; 3, J M Jimenez (Sp, Banesto) at 55sec; 4, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) 1:26; 5, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme); 6, A Elli (It, Casino); 7, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) all same time; 8, D Rebellin (It, Française des Jeux) 1:33; 9, S Blanco (Sp, Banesto); 10, P Buschor (Switz, Saeco) both same time

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE: Prologue (Grenoble, 5.1km): 1, C Boardman (GB, GAN) 5min 50sec; 2, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) at 3sec; 3, V Ekimov (Russ, US Postal) same time; 4, F Gaumont (Fr, Cofidis) at 5sec; 5, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) at 6; 6, J V Garcia (Sp, Banesto) same time; 7, E Dekker (Holl, Rabobank) at 7; 8, A Balti (It, US Postal) at 8; 9, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) same time; 10, M Boogerd (Holl, Rabobank) at 11

OTHER ROAD RACES: Five Valleys (BCF Premier Calendar, Port Talbot, 111 miles): 1, C Walker (Team Invader) 4hr 17min 28sec; 2, J Tanner (Controlware RT); 3, J Clay (Manchester Phoenix) all same time. **Birkenhead Victoria CC** (Birkenhead Park, 56 miles): 1, M Bell (unattached) 2:17:35; 2, D Hitchen (New Brighton CC); 3, M Harrison (Tunstall Wheelers) all same time

TRACK: BCF national motor-paced championship (Herne Hill, London): 1, B Steel (Manchester Phoenix); 2, R Williams (Team Ambrosia); 3, S Cope (Wheelie Sonous RT). **Scottish CU 15km championship** (Caird Park, Dundee): 1, N Walker (City of Edinburgh RC); 2, G Obree (Shetland Wheelers); 3, J Millar (Paisley RT)

TIME TRIALS: RTTC women's national 25-mile championship (Milton, Cambridgeshire): 1, Y McGregor (Adidas-SciCon) 54min 37sec (championship record); 2, M Johnson (Team Lusso) 59:05; 3, S Gray (API Resprays) 59:08; 4, J Reames (Swaledale CC) 59:15; 5, E McKenzie (Coventry Triathletes) 1:00:00; 6, J Freeman (Easterley RC) 1:00:01. Team: Team Lusso (M Johnson, A Hunter, M Bloom) 3:12:53. *Other trials: Winners:* **Finsbury Park CC** (Eaton Socon, Cambridgeshire, 50 miles) G Dighton (Leo RC) 1hr 48min 43sec. **Border City Wheelers** (Carlisle, 50 miles) A Wilkinson (Adidas-SciCon) 1:51:04 (course record). **Yorkshire CF** (York, 50 miles) N Giles (Radford Accountants) 1:52:19. **Bynea CC** (Llandovery, 50 miles) D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 1:55:30. **Gala CC** (East of Scotland championship, Peebles, 50 miles) N Beard (Midlothian RT) 1:56:19. **Shirley RC** (Wythall, Worcestershire, 50 miles): P Lilley (Tamworth RCC) 1:58:50. **Crest CC** (Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex, 25 miles) K Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 54:53. **Belper BC** (Uttoxeter, 25 miles) R Smith (South Pennine RC) 55:30. **Glasgow United CC** (Loch Lomondside, 25 miles): D Gibson (GS Modena) 55:38. **Sotonia CC** (Ringwood, 25 miles) G Longland (Radford Accountants) 55.42. **Preston Wheelers** (Garstang, 25 miles) P Pearce (Withington Wheelers) 56:32. **Chester RC** (Broxton, 25 miles) P McFayden (Harlech Wheelers) 56:36. **Dukinfield CC** (Cranage, 25 miles) G Watts (Team Rapide) 57:00. **Scunthorpe RC** (Lincoln, 25 miles): A Moore (Cherry Valley RT) 57:13. **Salisbury RC** (Andover, 10 miles) S Yates (Team Clean) 19:16 (course and event record). **Brough Wheelers** (South Cave, near Hull, 10 miles) R Newman (JF Wilson Cycles) 20:44. **Chippenham and District Wheelers** (10 miles) A Cook (Chippenham and District Wheelers) 21:30. **Barton Wheelers** (Barton-on-Humber, 10 miles). A Moore (Cherry Valley RT) 22:33. **Altrincham Ravens CC** (Byley, Cheshire, 10 miles) A Hilton (Stretford Wheelers) 22:51

FOOTBALL

Tournoi de France

FRANCE (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 1
25,000 Shearer 86
(in Montpellier)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Brazil	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Italy	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

World Cup

European qualifying group four

BELARUS (0) 0 SCOTLAND (0) 1
12,000 McAllister 49 (pen)
(in Minsk)

OTHER RESULT: Latvia 1 Austria 3 (in Riga)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	8	5	2	1	9	2	17
Austria	6	4	1	1	8	4	13
Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Latvia	7	2	1	4	9	11	7
Estonia	6	1	1	4	2	8	4
Belarus	6	1	1	4	3	10	4

Not including last night's other match Estonia v Sweden

PREVIOUS RESULTS: Sweden 5 Belarus 1; Austria 0 Scotland 0, Belarus 1 Estonia 0; Latvia 1 Sweden 2, Latvia 0 Scotland 2, Estonia 1 Belarus 0; Belarus 1 Latvia 1, Sweden 0 Austria 1; Austria 2 Latvia 1, Scotland 1 Sweden 0, Estonia 0 Scotland 0 (in Monaco); Scotland 2 Estonia 0, Scotland 2 Austria 0, Latvia 2 Belarus 0, Sweden 2 Scotland 1; Austria 2 Estonia 0, Estonia 1 Latvia 3

MATCHES TO COME: Aug 20: Estonia v Austria, Belarus v Sweden. **Sept 6:** Austria v Sweden; Latvia v Estonia; Scotland v Belarus. **Sept 10:** Belarus v Austria, Sweden v Latvia. **Oct 11:** Austria v Belarus, Sweden v Estonia, Scotland v Latvia

OTHER GROUPS: Group one: Denmark 2 Bosnia-Herzegovina 0 (in Copenhagen). **Group two:** Georgia 2 Moldova 0 (in Batumi). **Group three:** Finland 3 Azerbaijan 0 (in Helsinki). **Group five:** Russia 2 Israel 0 (in Moscow). **Group six:** Faeroe Islands 2 Malta 1 (in Toftir). **Group seven:** Belgium 6 San Marino 0 (in Brussels). **Group eight:** Macedonia 1 Iceland 0 (in Skopje). **Group nine:** Portugal 2 Albania 0 (in Oporto), Ukraine 0 Germany 0 (in Kiev)

SOUTH AMERICA: Ecuador 1 Chile 1 (in Quito)

AFRICA: Group one: Nigeria 3 Kenya 0 (in Lagos, Nigeria qualify for finals). **Group two:** Liberia 1 Namibia 2 (in Monrovia). **Group three:** South Africa 3 Zambia 0 (in Johannesburg). **Group four:** Angola 1 Cameroon 1 (in Luanda); **Group five:** Morocco 1 Ghana 0 (in Casablanca, Morocco qualify for finals). **Postponed:** Gabon v Sierra Leone

ASIA: Group eight: China 0 Tajikistan 0 (in Beijing), Vietnam 0 Turkmenistan 4 (in Ho Chi Minh City)

OCEANIA: Second round: Group two: Fiji 0 New Zealand 1 (in Ba)

European under-21 championship

Qualifying group four

BELARUS (0) 1 SCOTLAND (0) 0
Ryndiuk 70 5,000
(in Minsk)

OTHER MATCHES: Group one: Denmark 5 Bosnia 0 (in Koege). **Group three:** Finland 1 France 1 (in Vasa); Hungary 2 Norway 0 (in Budapest). **Group four:** Estonia 0 Sweden 2 (in Tallinn), Latvia 1 Austria 3 (in Valmiera). **Group five:** Bulgaria 3 Luxembourg 0 (in Nessebar); Russia 1 Israel 1 (in *Moscow*). *Group six:* Spain 4 Czech Republic 0 (in Burgos); Yugoslavia 1 Slovakia 0 (in Novi Sad). **Group seven:** Belgium 3 San Marino 0 (in Mechelen). **Group eight:** Macedonia 1 Iceland 1 (in Stip). **Group nine:** Portugal 1 Albania 1 (in Aveiro)

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Serie A play-off: Brescia 1 Reggina 1 (Brescia promoted)

DUTCH LEAGUE: Play-offs: Group A: Zwolle 1 RKC Waalwijk 0; Emmen 1 ADO den Haag 0. **Group B:** Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2 NEC Nijmegen 1; Cambuur Leeuwarden 3 VVV Venlo 2

KIRIN CUP: Japan 4 Croatia 3 (in Tokyo).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Northern Ireland 1 Wales 2 (at Chimney Corner FC, Belfast); Norway 4 England 0 (in Lillestrom)

UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 2 Germany 1 (at Wembley)

Low-flying aircraft were not the only hazards for competitors in the London Docklands regatta at the Albert Dock. The regatta was eventually abandoned because of high winds. Photograph: Adrian Sherratt

RUGBY UNION

International match

Argentina 33 **England** 13

Argentina: Tries: Soler 2, Grau, Simone. **Cons:** Quesada 2. **Pens:** Quesada 3. **England: Tries:** King, Grewcock. **Pen:** Mapletoft.
(at FCO Ground, Buenos Aires)

Pacific Rim championship

United States 51 **Japan** 29
(in San Francisco)

Canada 17 **Hong Kong** 16
(in Vancouver)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canada	4	3	0	1	136	89	13
Hong Kong	4	2	0	2	131	81	9
United States	4	2	0	2	94	140	8
Japan	4	1	0	3	93	144	4

Tour match

N Transvaal 35 **British Isles XV** 30

Northern Transvaal Blue Bulls: Tries: Van Schalkwyk 2, Richter, Steyn. **Cons:** Steyn 3. **Pens:** Steyn 3. **British Isles XV: Tries:** Guscott 2, Townsend. **Cons:** Stimpson 3. **Pens:** Stimpson 3
(at Loftus Versfeld, Pretoria)

Italian championship

Final

Treviso 34 **Milan** 29
(at Bentegodi Stadium, Verona)

CURRIE CUP: Northern Free State 31 Eastern Province 18 (in Welkom). Gauteng Falcons 39 North West 31 (in Brakpan); Gauteng Lions 35 Boland 33 (in Wellington); Natal 34 Western Province 22

RUGBY LEAGUE

Super League Visa world club championship

Pool A

Canberra 70 **Halifax** 6

Canberra Raiders: Tries: Nagas 6, Croker 2, Boyle, Hetherington, Kennedy, Westley, Woolford. **Goals:** Furner 7, Davico, Lightning. **Halifax Blue Sox: Try:** Gillespie. **Goal:** Pearson. **Att:** 7,758

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: St Helens 14 *Auckland Warriors 42*

European table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London	1	0	0	1	22	42	0
St Helens	1	0	0	1	14	42	0
Halifax	1	0	0	1	6	70	0
Bradford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Australasian table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canberra	1	1	0	0	70	6	2
Auckland	1	1	0	0	42	14	2
Brisbane	1	1	0	0	42	22	2
Canterbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cronulla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penrith	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*

Pool B

Nth Queensland 42 **Leeds** 20

North Queensland Cowboys: Tries: Murphy 2, Cressbrook, Jones, Phillips, Shipway, Tabuai, Warwick. **Goals:** Phillips 5. **Leeds Rhinos: Tries:** Sterling 2, Collins, Gibson. **Goals:** Harris 2. **Att:** 14,561

Adelaide 50 **Salford** 8

Adelaide Rams: Tries: Nin 2, Maybon 2, Blair, Mamando, Stone, Walters. **Goals:** Williamson 6, Wrigley 3. **Salford Reds: Try:** Broadbent. **Goals:** Blakeley 2. **Att:** 11,009

Castleford 16 **Perth** 24

Castleford Tigers: Tries: Chapman, Critchley, Tonks. **Goals:** Orr, Tonks. **Perth Western Reds: Tries:** Grieve, Rodwell, Shiels, Wilson. **Goals:** Ryan 4. **Att:** 3,590.

Paris 12 **Hunter Mariners** 28

Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Bird, Devecchi. **Goals:** O'Connor 2. **Hunter Mariners: Tries:** Beauchamp, Brann, Godden, Hill, Ross. **Goals:** Piccinelli 4. **Att:** 3,500

European table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	1	0	0	1	16	24	0
Paris	1	0	0	1	12	28	0
Leeds	1	0	0	1	20	42	0
Salford	1	0	0	1	8	50	0
Oldham	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Sheffield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Australasian table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide	1	1	0	0	50	8	2
N Queensland	1	1	0	0	42	20	2
Hunter M	1	1	0	0	28	12	2
Perth	1	1	0	0	24	16	2

First division

Hull KR 25 **Hull** 32

Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Gene 2, Everitt, Hoe, Wilson. **Goals:** Everitt 2. **Dropped goal:** Gene. **Hull: Tries:** Vaikona 3, Holmes, Lester. **Goals:** Holmes 6. **Att:** 5,968

Swinton 49 **Widnes** 18

Swinton Lions: Tries: Longo 3, Craig 2, Knowles 2, Evans, S Casey. **Goals:** Rogers 5, Pearce. **Dropped goal:** Price-Jones. **Widnes Vikings: Tries:** Ellis, Myers, P Smith. **Goals:** Long 3. **Att:** 1,939.

Wakefield 24 **Featherstone** 6

Wakefield Trinity: Tries. McLaren 2, Law. **Goals:** Davis 6. **Featherstone Rovers: Try:** Chapman. **Goal:** Fox. **Att:** 2,150

Whitehaven 30 **Workington** 8

Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Joe 2, Craig, Chambers, Malietoa-Brown. **Goals:** Hetherington 7. **Workington Town: Tries:** Campbell, Keenan. **Att:** 2,280

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Dewsbury Rams 4 Huddersfield Giants 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	15	14	1	0	446	174	29
Huddersfield	15	12	0	3	447	231	24
Wakefield	14	8	1	5	288	285	17
Whitehaven	15	8	1	6	298	307	17
Keighley	14	7	1	6	328	257	15
Dewsbury	14	7	0	7	271	304	14
Swinton	15	6	0	9	297	354	12
Featherstone	15	4	1	10	292	322	9
Hull KR	15	4	1	10	301	385	9
Widnes	14	4	0	10	189	429	8
Workington	14	3	0	11	242	351	6

Second division

Barrow 6 **Carlisle** 32

Barrow Braves: Try: Wilson. **Goal:** Marwood. **Carlisle Border Raiders: Tries:** G Ruddy 2, Richardson 2, Burns, G Charlton. **Goals:** Richardson 4. **Att:** 643

Hunslet 24 **Bramley** 6

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Plange 2, Baker, Mansson, Rushton. **Goals:** Mansson 2. **Bramley: Try:** Creasser. **Goal:** Creasser. **Att:** 903.

Leigh 27 **Rochdale** 16

Leigh Centurions: Tries: Donlan, Jenkins, O'Loughlin, Purtill. **Goals:** Purtill 5. **Dropped goal:** Wilkinson. **Rochdale Hornets: Tries:** Procter 2, Gartland. **Goals:** Gartland 2. **Att:** 1,321

York 37 **Batley** 28

York Wasps: Tries: Cain, Crane, Fitzgerald, Pallister, Simpson. **Goals:** Fitzgerald 8. **Dropped goal:** Precious. **Batley Bulldogs: Tries:** Turpin 2, Price, Simpson, Thornton. **Goals:** Price 4. **Att:** 662.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Lancashire Lynx 42 Prescot Panthers 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	15	12	0	3	474	258	24
Carlisle	15	11	0	4	396	238	22
Lancashire L	14	10	0	4	401	272	20
Leigh	14	10	0	4	349	262	20
Hunslet	14	9	0	5	426	202	18
Batley	14	9	0	5	433	300	18
York	15	7	0	8	431	374	14
Barrow	14	5	0	9	242	515	10
Bramley	15	4	1	10	267	351	9
Doncaster	15	1	1	13	209	504	3
Prescot	15	1	0	14	185	537	2

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull Kingston Rovers 18 Oldham 0

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Birmingham 16 Worcester Royals 30; Cambridge Eagles 34 North London 62, Ipswich Rhinos 50 West London 28, Oxford Cavaliers 40 Kingston 30, Leicester 58 Bedford Swifts *10*

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Gold Coast 28 South Sydney 4; Parramatta 52 South *Queensland 10*

ATHLETICS

Track and field

MOSCOW: IAAF Grand Prix meeting (Russia unless stated): **Men: 200m:** 1, B Surin (Can) 21.08sec; 2, K Ito (Japan) 21.33; 3, O Ezinwa (Nigeria) 21.36. **400m:** 1, I Zharov 46.04; 2, D Kosov 46.45; 3, D Guzov 46.73. **800m:** 1, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1min 44.57sec; 2, H Moganyetsi (SA) 1:44.62; 3, V Malakwen (Ken) 1:44.75. **1,500m:** 1, W Tanui (Ken) 3:36.87; 2, J Mayock (GB) 3:37.21; 3, M Tiptanui (Ken) 3:37.62. **110m hurdles:** 1, I Kovac (Slovakia) 13.45sec; 2, A Jarrett (GB) 13.45; 3, A Kislykh 13.68. *High jump:* 1, G Fedorkov 2.24m; 2, V Voronin 2.21; 3, L Pumalainen 2.21. **Javelin:** 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 86.92m; 2, S Backley (GB) 83.90; 3, A Moruyev 79.78. **Women: 100m:** 1, N Voronova 11.27sec; 2, O Povtoreva 11.48; 3, Y Leshchova 11.50. **200m:** 1, M Trandenkova 22.60; 2, J Campbell (Jam) 23.00; 3, Y Leshchova 23.20. **400m:** 1, B Alolabi (Nigeria) 50.55; 2, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 50.79; 3, O Kotlyarova 51.40. **1,500m:** 1, I Biryukova 4min 5.70sec; 2, L Borisova 4:06.24; 3, Y Podkopayeva 4:06.36. **5,000m:** 1, M Denboba (Eth) 15:41.6; 2, Y Romanova 15:42.8; 3, L Vasilevskaya 15:43.5. **400m hurdles:** 1, T Kereshchuk (Ukr) 54.96sec; 2, S Gunnell (GB) 55.30; 3, Y Bakhvalova 55.43; 5, S Smith (Ire) 55.96. **Triple jump:** 1, A Hansen (GB) 14.24m; 2, S Kasparkova (Cz) 13.76; 3, B Lah (It) 13.40. **Hammer:** 1, O Guzenkova 66.02m; 2, V Ushakova 60.66; 3, T Konstantinova 58.42. **Discus:** 1, L Korotkevich 64.92m; 2, I Yatchenko 62.06; 3, N Sadova 61.70

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: At Hendon: 100m: L Christie (Puma TVH) 10.79sec. **200m:** D Walker (Newham and Essex Beagles) 21.04sec. **400m:** P McBurney (Newham and Essex Beagles) 46.57sec. **800m:** E King (Sale) 1min 50.66sec. **1,500m:** K McKay (Sale) 3min 45.4sec. **5,000m:** P Larkins (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14min 09.89sec. **3,000m steeplechase:** J Chaston (Belgrave) 8min 50.89sec. **110m hurdles:** R Baillie (Sale) *14.40sec.* **400m hurdles:** C Rawlinson (Belgrave) 49.92sec (league record). **High jump:** B Reilly (Belgrave) 2.15m. **Pole vault:** P Williamson (Puma TVH) 5.45m. **Long jump:** C Davidson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7.56m. **Triple jump:** F Agyepong (Shaftesbury Barnet) 16.60m. **Shot:** M Proctor (Newham and Essex Beagles) 19.43m. **Discus:** K Brown (Belgrave) 54.58m. **Hammer:** P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles) 71.98m. **Javelin:** M Roberson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 77.18m. **4 x 100m relay:** Sale 40.22sec. **4 x 400m relay:** Sale 3min 14.80sec. **Match result:** 1, Sale 339pts; 2, Belgrave 337; 3, Newham and Essex Beagles 289.5; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet 289; 5, Puma TVH 269. 6, Woodford Green 218; 7, Blackheath 217.5; 8, Birchfield 208. **Leading overall positions** (after two matches): 1, Belgrave 15pts; 2, Sale 13; 3, Newham and Essex Beagles 12; 4, Puma TVH 11; 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 8; 6, Birchfield 5; 7, Woodford Green 5; 8, Blackheath 3. **Women: First division: At Enfield: 100m:** S Jacobs (Shaftesbury Barnet) 11.4sec. **200m:** J Stoute (Essex Ladies) 23.7. **400m:** M Thomas (Birchfield) 53.9. **800m:** M McClung (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 2min 6.1sec. **1,500m:** L McDougall (City of Glasgow) 4:20.1. **3,000m:** C Pimblett (Sale) 9:25.8. **100m hurdles:** D Lewis (Birchfield) 13.6sec. **400m hurdles:** K Maddox (Sale) 59.3. **High jump:** J Jennings (Essex Ladies) 1.80. **Pole vault:** J Whitlock (Trafford) 3.90m. **Long jump:** D Lewis (Birchfield) 6.14m. **Shot:** T Axten (Shaftesbury Barnet) 15.0m. **Discus:** T Axten (Shaftesbury Barnet) 51.42m. **Hammer:** E Pidgeon (Essex Ladies) 51.40m. **Javelin:** S Holroyd (Essex Ladies) 52.44. **4 x 100m relay:** 1, Windsor, Slough and Eton 46.4sec. **4 x 400m relay:** Birchfield 3min 42.8sec. **Match result:** 1, Birchfield 196.5pts; 2, Shaftesbury Barnet 183.5; 3, Essex Ladies 168; 4, Sale 158; 5, City of Glasgow 148; 6, Windsor, Slough and Eton 139; 7, *Trafford* 116; 8, City of Edinburgh 113

Road running

STOCKHOLM: International marathon: 1, B Masaya (Ken) 2hr 17min 22sec; 2, A Prokoptchouk (Lat) 2:17:51; 3, A Szalka (Swe) 2:19:17; 4, G Kiruyua (Ken) 2:19:35; 5, B Goromonzi (Zim) 2:20:21; 6, J Onwonga (Ken) 2:20:44; 7, B Thysell (Swe) 2:21:40; 8, P Fedoranka (Lith) 2:22:10; 9, J Mbueni (Tan) 2:23:38; 10, P Novak (Cz) 2:33:56

Fell running

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, North Yorkshire: Pen-Y-Ghent race (5.5M, 1,650ft, inc British and English championships race): **Men:** 1, M Roberts (Borrowdale) 42min 54sec (record); 2, S Hawkins (Bingley) 43.12; 3, A Bowness (Cumberland Fell Runners) 44.18; 4, I Holmes (Bingley) 44.20; 5, R Bryson (Newcastle, N Ire) 44.23; 6, M Keys (Rossendale) 44.43. **Over-40:** S Oldfield (Bradford Airedale, 15th) 45.34. **Over-50:** P McWade (Clayton le Moors) 49.06. **Over-60:** R Bray (Blackpool and Fylde) 61.56. **Team:** 1, Pudsey and Bramley 113pts; 2, *Cumberland Fell Runners 122*; 3, Bingley 124. **Women:** 1, C Greenwood (Bingley) 50.22; 2, A Buckley (Pudsey and Bramley) 51.20; 3, A Mudge (Carnethy) 52.12; 4, M Todd (Ambleside) 52.59. **Team:** 1, Carnethy 24; 2, Pudsey and Bramley 30; 3, Bingley 54

Road walking

LEICESTER: National championships: Men (20 miles): 1, C Cheeseman (Surrey WC) 2hr 34min 4sec; 2, G White (Brighton and Hove) 2:34.41; 3, D Stone (Steyning) 2.38.16. **Teams:** 1, Steyning 15; 2, Leicester Roadhoggs 23; 3, Surrey WC 28. **Women** (5km): 1, U Kehler (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 23min 3sec; 2, K Kneale (Manx) 24.36; 3, C Charnock (Barrow-in-Furness) 24.52. **Teams:** 1, Steyning 20; 2, Sheffield WC 25; 3, Birchfield 33

CLUB CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Kidderminster 254-6 Moseley 215-5, Wolverhampton 142 West Bromwich Dartmouth 147-5.

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Bradshaw 171-9dec Westhoughton 41-1, Eagley 119 Tonge 123-0. Farnworth 228-4dec Astley Bridge 210-9; Heaton 148-8dec Farnworth SC 149-8; Horwich 134 Egerton 56-2; Little Lever 114 Greenmount 199-8dec, Walkden 148-6 Kearsley 147-7dec

BOWERS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE: Spen Victoria 100 Bradford and Bingley 101-4, Undercliffe 181 Drighlington 84, East Bierley 115 Baildon 119-6, Saltaire 193-9 Farsley 196-5, Idle 100 Pudsey St Lawrence 101-2; Brighouse 106 Pudsey Congs 107-1; Windhill 216-8 Hanging Heaton 32-1

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Radcliffe 55 Littleborough 56-0; Ashton 142-6 Rochdale 143-8, Oldham 189 Norden 87; Royton 192-6 Stockport 8-0; Milnrow 202-4 Unsworth 171-9, Heywood 155 *Werneth 123-7, Stand 193-2 Middleton 170;* Crompton 86-8 v Walsden

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Heaton Mersey 188-7dec Alsager 154-8, Bowdon 203-6dec Didsbury 113-8; Nantwich 218-8dec Macclesfield 92, Grappenhall 122 Poynton 126-1 Widnes 241-3dec Toft 236-8. Upton 232-2dec Warrington 236-5

DEVON LEAGUE: North Devon 218-9 Hatherleigh 129-7, Barton 129-9 Bovey Tracey 118, Paignton 221-8 Torquay 222-8; Exmouth 208-9 Seaton 175-7. Tiverton Heathcoat 195-9 Budleigh Salterton 118; Exeter 101 Sandford 102-3

VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Boldon 132 South Shields 133-4, Burnmoor 194 Philadelphia 79-7; Horden 241-6 Chester-le-Street 147-7. Gateshead Fell 227-5 Durham City 155-1, Durham CA 157-8 Felling 119-6, Wearmouth 190-8 Sunderland 75-6; Whitburn 165 Seaham Harbour 187-8.

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: Chelmsford 175 Chingford 152: Stanford-le-Hope 96 Colchester and E Essex 97-4; Ilford 193-7 Gidea Park and Romford 197-3, Horndon-on-the-Hill 171 Hadleigh and Thundersl 174-3; Fives and Heronians 189 Hutton 83, Leigh-on-Sea 207-6 Westcliff-on-Sea 102; *Orsett and Thurrock 100* Hainault and Clayhall 102-1, Wickford 120 Saffron Walden 86; Shenfield 118 Wanstead 117-2, Woodford Wells 180-3 Loughton 78.

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Bishop's Stortford 170-7 Letchworth 165; Watford Town 187-7 Langleybury 126, Cheshunt 172-7 Luton Town 176-2; Stevenage 121-2 Hoddesdon 118; North Mymms 101 Potters Bar 87; St Albans 183-8 Hitchin 165-9; Hemel Hempstead 153-9 Radlett 114; Sawbridgeworth 118 Knebworth Park 119-9, West Herts 214-5 Welwyn Garden City 215-3, Barnet 221-6 Berkhamsted 77

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Lascelles Hall 200-8 Linthwaite 196-5; Broad Oak 129-1 Honley 125-7; Skelmanthorpe 164-2 Marsden 162-7; Kirkburton 191 Slaithwaite 222-6; Scholes 98 Meltham 235-5. Shepley 159-9 Holmfirth 160-6, Thongsbridge 135-8 Elland 136-2

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Beckenham 78 Folkestone 79-2, St Lawrence 180-7 Bickley Park 130; Tunbridge Wells 189 Blackheath 152, Dover 57 Bromley 58-2; Gravesend 112 Dartford 114-2, Holmesdale 88 Bexley 89-2; Midland Bank 186-8 RACS 146-7, Sevenoaks Vine 173-9 Hayes 150-8; The Mote 210-9 Ashford 189-9

E W CARTON LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: East Lancs 182-7 Bacup 69; Burnley 164-9 Church 112-3; Colne 225-5 Rawtenstall 196; Enfield 114 Ramsbottom 118-4; Todmorden 203-6 Haslingden 137, *Lowerhouse 52 Accrington 36-0, Nelson* 156-8 Rishton 46-0

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Cheetham Hill 195-8 Denton St Law 198-4; Woodbank 187 Denton West 193-8 Dukinfield 139 Sale Moor 127. Denton 192 Roe Green 194-4; Irlam 173 Thornham 174-3

LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL & DISTRICT COMPETITION: Neston 148-8dec Bolton 127-7, Bootle 210-4dec St Helens 192, Chester Boughton Hall 177-9dec Northern 178-5; Colwyn Bay 201-4dec *Sefton* 202-5, Southport and Birkdale 134 Formby 135-1, New Brighton 183-2dec Huyton 167-9; Liverpool 139 Ormskirk 115-9, Worsley 193-7 v Newton-le-Willows; Marchwiel 185-8dec Northop Hall 186-2, St Helens Rec 183-7dec Birkenhead Park 48, Wallasey 173-5dec Leigh 121; Hightown 196-5dec Wigan 17-1

BURTONWOOD BREWERY MANCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE: Ashton-on-Mersey 178-8dec Earlestown 25; Deane and Derby 180 Lytham 135, Monton 158-9 Whalley Range 159-3, Newton Heath 191-3 South West Manchester 71-3, Flixton 245-7 Stockport Georgians 243-8 Stretford 160 Bury 161-6; Weaste 110 Winton 114-7; Brooksbottom 167-6 Wythenshawe 170-2

HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Brondesbury 235-6dec Eastcote 169-8, Southgate 224-dec Ealing 185-9, Uxbridge 222-7dec Finchley 128; Richmond 227-6dec Winchmore Hill 197-8; Shepherds Bush 135 Enfield 136-6, Teddington 245-7dec Hornsey 147-6; Brentham 1409-dec Wembley 141-4

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedworth 201-9 Worcester NT 143, Blossomfield 256 Walmley 257-5; Droitwich 188-6 Lichfield 102-9, Highway 140-4 Old Edwardians 142-6; Kenilworth Wardens 175 Hampton 159; Nuneaton 92 Water Orton 94-2, Streetly 104 Redditch 106-3.

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Cromer 172 Old Buckenham 177-6, Horsford 182-4 Dereham 128, Ingham 159 Swardeston 109

NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Audley 217-2dec Elworth 165-7. Moddershall 222-3dec Cheadle 154; Bignall End 145 Crewe 100. Stone 27-0 v Leek, Little Stoke 192-3dec Knypersley 126-8; Longton 211-2dec Newcastle and H 133-4. Stafford 124 Ashcombe Park 125-2

THE WATKIN JONES NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Bangor 144-8 Gresford 144-8; Bethesda 112-8 Brymbo 113-3; Pontblyddyn 286-9 Connah's Quay 112; Halkyn 134-8 Hawarden Park 136-6, Ruthin 103-7 Llandudno 56-8, Llay 93-4 v Mochdre.

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKSHIRE/SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Darlington 187 Bishop Auckland 144-7; Darlington RA 227-5 Richmondshire 149-4. Hartlepool 224 Guisborough 186-5, Marske 219-6 Stockton 220-1. Normanby Hall 254-6 Thornaby 139-3, Northallerton 168-8 Norton 169-8, Redcar 216-5 Blackhall 80-8; Middlesbrough 155-8 Saltburn 120-8

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blackpool 184 Preston 68-5, St Anne's 172-8 Chorley 46-1; Fleetwood 153 Kendal 84, Darwen 174-8 Lancaster 122-5, Leyland 128-7 Netherfield 129-0, Leyland Dai 162-7 Morecambe 132-3

PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Morpeth 179-9 Alnwick 5-0; South North 198-9 Ashington 27-1, Backworth 83 Benwell 86-3. Benwell Hill 182-8 Blyth 81-9, Tynedale 151-4 v Percy Main; Tynemouth 186-8 County Club 187-3

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Oswaldtwistle 218-7 Barnoldswick 82-0; Baxenden 98 Ribblesdale W 54-4. Whalley 143-9 Blackburn Northern 11-0. Edenfield 211-5 Great Harwood 88-0. Clitheroe 217-7 Padiham 142-8; Cherry Tree 184 Read 128. Settle 133-5 v Earby

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AUSTRALIAN POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA: Second division: Altona City (0) 0 Oakleigh (3) 4, E Brunswick (0) 2 East Altona (0) 4, Frankston P (0) 1 Mooroolbark (0) 1, Glen Eira (1) 2 E Richmond (0) 0, Regent (1) 2 Waverley (1) 1, Ringwood C (0) 1 Knox City (0) 0. **Third division.** Banyule (1) 2 Nunawading (1) 2; Chelsea (2) 2 Diamond V (0) 0, Cranbourne (1) 1 Pascoe Vale (1) 1, Fitzroy (1) 2 Keilor (0) 1, N Coburg (1) 2 Melbourne C (0) 3 S Caulfield (0) 1 Geelong (3) 3, S Wembee (0) 0 S Springvale (1) 5. **Fourth division:** Clifton Hill (2) 4 Sandringham (0) 1; Geelong R (1) 1 Sunbury (1) 3 Keysborough (1) 2 Williamstown (0) 1; Langwarrin (1) 3 Cono (0) 0 Seaford Utd (0) 0 Moreland (1) 3 Stonnington (0) 1 Lalor (0) 0; Sun Heights (4) 11 Monbulk (0) 0. **Fifth division:** Brandon Park (2) 5 Doveton (1) 3 Lyndale U (0) 1 Endeavour (0) 0, Melton (0) 3 Ballarat (0) 0 Mitcham (0) 1 Knox Pk (1) 1, North Sunshine (1) 1 Croydon (3) 8 Springvale C (0) 2 South Wantirna (1) 2

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Premier League: Blue Eagles (0) 0 Adelaide R (3) 3; Port Lion (0) 1 Woodville (0) 0, Olympians (1) 2 Campbelltown (1) 2; WT Birkalla (3) 6 Salisbury (1) 2. **First division:** Croydon (0) 1 Adelaide City (0) 1; Cumberland (3) 3 Noarlunga (0) 0; Para Hills (0) 0 Elizabeth (2) 4; Port Pirie (2) 2 Modbury (0) 1

NEW SOUTH WALES: First division: Auburn (0) 1 Belmore (1) 3, Fairfield B (0) 2 West W (0) 0; Greystanes (0) 1 E Subs (1) 5, Hurstville C (2) 2 Balhurst (0) 1, Illawarra (0) 1 Mt Pritchard (1) 1; Penrith (0) 0 Ryde (1) 1, Rockdale (0) 1 Stanmore (0) 3, Warringah (0) 0 Hills Utd (0) 1

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FORECASTS: Half-time. No claims required (winnings sent automatically), forecast is moderate, two score draws and 14 no-score draws. Full-time. Telephone claims for 24pts (although winnings sent automatically), forecast is moderate, ten score draws, and one no-score draw

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David Powell reports on the powerful businessmen who are making personal investments in health

Running for their lives

We have all experienced it. Somebody sneering at us because we run. People who tell us that our running is pointless, a waste of time, energy, and bath water. Even if there was any point, they would not run anyway because their lives are far too busy with far more important things.

Detractors of running can scoff if they wish, but they should never argue that they do not have the time. Such an excuse would sound particularly feeble in Battersea Park in south London on July 9. There, in the evening, some of London's busiest and most influential businessmen will be participating in one of Britain's best-loved running events, captains of industry who know when to stop trading and when to go training, bankers monitoring heart rates and pulse rates rather than interest rates.

Among the record number of 10,000 runners who will contest the 11th Chase Corporate Challenge will be a profusion of chief executives, chairmen and managing directors, many trained for the occasion as thoroughly as they would want to see a company report prepared. Of his commitment to running, Bruce Lakefield, chief executive of Lehman Bros, a global investment bank in the City, says: "You have to look at it as a meeting like any other meeting. You have to put it in your mind when you are going to do it and get it done."

Lakefield, aged 53, will be among the participants in the Corporate Challenge, which is organised by the Flora London Marathon. David Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record holder and race director of the marathon, says that the two most common apologies that he hears for not running are: "I haven't the time to run and I've nowhere to run."

In the words of Alan Gaynor, chief executive of the British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, that is "absolute nonsense. It is down to desire." Gaynor, aged 44, often runs the five miles between his home in Hampstead and his office in Knightsbridge. "I ferry suits and clothes backwards and forwards to make it work," he says. "Occasionally, my wife gets irritated if I dump on her five days of dirty washing that has been accumulating in the office.

"Running has wholly changed my outlook on life. I feel ten years younger and have twice as much energy as I used to have. I took up running five years ago as relaxation. It helps to ease the strain of what would otherwise be a stressful lifestyle."

Gaynor is looking forward to the Corporate Challenge. Though high-flyers do not, as a rule, make foot-flyers, the competitive streak that moulds a successful businessman is evident in his determination to be first chief executive finisher. "Two years ago," Gaynor says, "I was the second chief executive home. The guy who wins is so far ahead of the rest of us. I suspect he is probably an ex county runner. I seriously hope he is not there this year. Unfortunately, I couldn't run last year because I was injured."

Colin Parsons, chairman of Taylor Woodrow, the housing, property investment and construction company, might once have been fast on his feet but now, at 63, the former schoolboy champion miler has a reputation only for endurance. He has been running for 45 years, predating the British running boom by 30 years. Parsons is out on the streets in his kit most mornings at 6.30 — "a guaranteed time I can do it" — and is proud of his resting pulse rate of 45. "Nice and low," he says.

"I run most mornings," he adds. "I started at school. Not being good at anything else, and wanting to be good at something, I found I had an aptitude for running. I have kept it on because it has been a good antidote for office stress and lethargy, which is a real problem with executives who sit around too much, eat too much rich food, and are offered an excess of alcohol."

Parsons enjoys the Corporate Challenge for its "tremendous atmosphere", although its popularity is also its weakness. "It is confined within a narrow track," Parsons says. "So one of the problems, and one of the delights, is that you have a lot of people in a small space. It increases the sense of excitement, but you have to be alert because there are so many people jostling you."

Anybody who clocks up more miles in a week than hours in the office is probably more committed to running than to work. However, no successful chief executive is ever going to be a high-mileage runner, although Gaynor put in enough miles to cover the London Marathon this year in 3 hours 32 minutes. Unfit, he was introduced to Leslie Watson, Britain's most glamorous international marathon runner of the 1980s, and was hooked. But then, as Gaynor, says: "Leslie has turned more 40-year-old men on to running than anybody else on this planet. She is a wonderful advertisement for the sport."

David Williamson, managing director of Granville Holdings, an independent City investment banking group, subscribes to the imperative of exercise and regards running as "an efficient way of doing it — you can pack some serious exercise into half an hour." Aged 39, he began at Oxford University, although he never stepped onto the Iffley Road track, on which Roger Bannister smashed the most famous barrier in sport, the four-minute mile. Williamson says: "Though I enjoy running distances, I have always hated track running."

Lakefield is from New York, from where Chris Brasher, the race founder, borrowed his idea for the London Marathon. Lakefield believes that London has caught up with New York in the race for health.

David Bedford still remains part of the running set, making the effort four days a week, although his best times are more than 20 years behind him. Why does he bother? "I like to keep the beer gut down," he says. "And I want to keep fit so I live longer and can maximise the money I get back from the pension scheme I have been paying into over the years."

Bedford may not be a chief executive, chairman, or managing director but his simple business principle of profit through investment would find depth of understanding at Battersea Park on July 9.

PETER TREVNOR

Colin Parsons, chairman of Taylor Woodrow. Aged 63, he is a former schoolboy champion miler with a reputation for endurance: he has been running for 45 years

Parsons is out in his kit most mornings at 6.30 — and is proud of his low resting pulse rate

HOW TO ENTER

THE Chase Corporate Challenge, in Battersea Park on July 9, is a three-and-a-half mile team race open to corporations, businesses and financial institutions.

■ Companies can enter runners at all levels of ability, subject to an event maximum of 10,000. Competitors note their own times and give their results to their captain. Officials use video cameras to check times. Falsification will lead to company disqualification.

■ The captains submit the results of fastest finishers to represent the company team. There are five in a men's team, three in a women's team, and two of each in a mixed team. Each runner may be placed in one team only.

■ Entry forms from the London Marathon, 0171-620 4117. Entries to be in by noon, June 23.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This is a deal from an early round of the 1996 Gold Cup.

Dealer North **Game all** **IMPs**

North:
♠J763
♥K
♦K1097
♣AK53

West:
♠A5
♥Q1096532
♦6
♣J76

East:
♠2
♥AJ874
♦AQ8543
♣9

South:
♠KQ10984
♥—
♦J2
♣Q10842

S	W	N	E
—	—	1 C	1 D
1 S	Pass	2 S	Double
4 S	5 H	Pass	Pass
5 S	Double	All Pass	

Contract: Five Spades Doubled, by South. Lead: six of diamonds

The East-West bidding was not inspired — Six Hearts is cold for them. West should have bid Two Hearts over One Spade.

Graham Kirby (West) led his singleton diamond to East's queen and declarer's jack. East, John Armstrong, attempted to cash the ace of hearts; South ruffed and led a low spade. It is very easy to play too quickly in this kind of situation but Kirby took his time. He knew that East had five hearts and therefore at least six diamonds, leaving him with a maximum of two black cards. If West ducked the spade he could see that, with all the trumps gone bar the ace, South could cash his clubs and then put West on play with his trump forcing him to lead a heart. Declarer would ruff in dummy and discard his losing diamond from hand and so make his contract.

The danger in rising with the ace of spades was that East might have the bare king. However, that was less likely than the actual lay-out, and in addition an expert partner might well have played the bare king of spades at trick two to avoid such an accident. So Kirby won the ace of spades and exited with a spade and South eventually lost a diamond trick for one off. In the same contract in the other room West ducked the spade, enabling declarer to make his contract via the endplay.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Howard Staunton

For many years the great British player, organiser and writer on chess, Howard Staunton (1810-1874) has lain in an unmarked grave at London's Kensal Green cemetery. Since 1993 a committee led by Nigel Short, artist Barry Martin and Brian Clivaz, formerly of Simpson's-in-the-Strand, which as a chess club used to be one of Staunton's haunts, have laboured to produce a fitting monument to him.

At 11am on Monday July 28, a black granite memorial with chess knight motif will be unveiled at Kensal Green, and a curtain can be drawn over decades of neglect of one of our greatest chess personalities. Those wishing to attend the memorial service should notify Barry Martin in advance on 0181-744 2868 or at 98 Cole Park Road, Twickenham TW1 1JA.

Staunton organised the very first international tournament, that at London in 1851. Organising and playing do not fit well together and Staunton did less than justice to himself in the tournament. However, he did produce the following snap checkmate against the great Adolf Anderssen, who went on to become the winner of the entire competition.

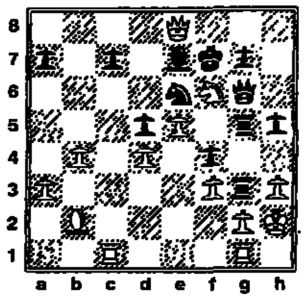
White: Howard Staunton
Black: Adolf Anderssen
London 1851

Giuoco Piano

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	c3	Nf6
5	d4	exd4
6	e5	d5
7	Bb5	Ne4
8	cxd4	Bb4+
9	Nbd2	0-0
10	0-0	Bg4
11	Bxc6	bxc6
12	Qc2	Bxf3
13	Nxf3	Rb8
14	Qxc6	Rb6
15	Qc2	f5
16	a3	Be7
17	b4	f4
18	Ne1	Rh6
19	f3	Ng5
20	Nd3	Ne6
21	Bb2	Qe8
22	Rac1	Qh5
23	h3	Rg6
24	Nf2	Rg3
25	Kh2	Rf5
26	Qc6	Qg6
27	Rg1	Rfg5
28	Ng4	h5
29	Nf6+	Kf7
30	Qe8	

Checkmate

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TENNY
a. Tawny
b. A hold at wrestling
c. Miniature tennis

UNCAUTELOUS
a. Without a foreskin
b. Unwary
c. Rude, ungallant

UPANISHAD
a. A poison tree
b. A treatise
c. A cavalry helmet

TROCO
a. A monocycle
b. A chocolate whirl
c. Billiards

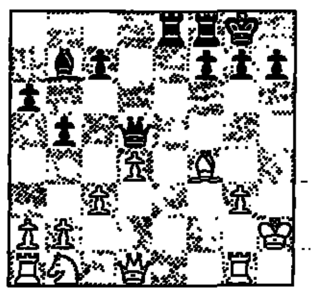
Answers on page 45

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. From the game Belenki — Pirorov, Moscow 1958. Although a piece down, Black has tremendous pressure along the e-file and long diagonal. How did he now combine operations along these two avenues to score a quick win?

Solution on page 45



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Council can help only homeless

Regina v Newham London Borough Council. Ex parte Gorenkin

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment May 13]

A local authority had no power or duty under section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 to provide food vouchers to asylum seekers who were in need of care and attention unless they were also being provided by the council with residential accommodation.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the application of Mikhail Gorenkin for judicial review to quash Newham London Borough Council's policy of not providing any assistance under *section 21 to single* destitute asylum seekers unless they were homeless or already in accommodation provided by the council.

Mr Stephen Knafler for the applicant: Mr Kelvin Rutledge for the council

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the case arose out of problems created when asylum seekers who did not make applications for asylum at at their point of *entry were excluded from benefits* by the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996.

In *R v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council, Ex parte H* Mr Justice Collins (*The Times* October 10, 1996) and the Court of Appeal (*The Times* February 19, 1997) had held that the council was nevertheless subject to a duty to provide such persons with shelter, warmth and food which were essential to all human beings, by virtue of its duty *under section 21 of the 1948 Act to* provide "residential accommodation for persons . . . who by reason of age, illness, disability or any other circumstances are in need of care and attention. . ."

The applicant had come to the United Kingdom by bus from Ukraine and obtained a room at £20 a week. He applied for assistance from the council who gave him food vouchers. The vouchers were stopped after April 1997, the reason given being: "as you have somewhere to stay". The council's policy was adopted in response to legal advice which said *that it had no power to provide* food vouchers if no accommodation was provided to an asylum seeker, that it had no discretion in the matter and that it could be *subject to legal sanctions by the* district auditor and others.

The surprising result was that where asylum seekers had no accommodation and no food the council could help. But where they had accommodation but no food, they had to become homeless before they could get help.

It was argued for the applicant that the council had looked at the matter wrongly and that the question was not whether the applicant, and others awaiting the *outcome of the case, needed accom*modation but whether they needed "care and attention".

Against that the council said that *the reference to* "care and attention" had to be seen in the context of section 21 of the 1948 Act which was dealing with accommodation so that the sort of care and attention needed was that which was required with residential accommodation.

The 1948 Act did not envisage the situation relating to asylum seekers which had arisen. But his Lordship was bound by the Court of Appeal to treat it as covering the *situation. It was implicit that the* "care and attention" referred to was that which could be met by residential accommodation.

That was also clear from the secretary of state's directions released on May 1, 1993 and published as Appendix 1 to Department of Health Circular No LAC(93)10 which stated that the duty arose when persons were in urgent "need thereof", namely of accommodation.

The council was right to review *its policy and right when it said, on* legal advice, that the practice of providing food vouchers for single asylum seekers for whom accommodation was not being provided would have to be stopped.

Solicitors: Clore & Co, West Kensington; Mr J. D. Smith, East Ham.

Time allowed to accept payment

Harding v Cartwright

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment May 7]

A defendant who made a payment into court under Order 11, rule 3 of the County Court Rules 1981 could not apply to strike out the action pursuant to Order 9, rule 10 during the 21 days which the plaintiff was given to accept the money

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defen*dant, Diane Cartwright,* against the decision of Judge G. O. Edwards, QC, at Crewe County Court on May 2, 1996 overturning the order of the district judge and holding that the action by the plaintiff, Deborah Harding, for damages for personal injury had not been struck out pursuant to Order 9, rule 10 of the County Court Rules.

Mr John A. Phillips for the defendant: Mr Robin Spencer for the plaintiff.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the issue to be considered was the interaction of the provisions dealing with payment into court in Order 11, rule 3 with the strike-out provisions in Order 9, rule 10.

Order 11, rule 3 provided that *there should be 21 days for the* acceptance of money paid into court. The standard form notice N243 that was sent to a plaintiff by the court stated, "If you accept the payment . . . you must give written notice of acceptance to the court and every other party within 21 days. . ."

The question was what happened if, before the expiry of those 21 days, the defendant applied for *the action to be struck out under* Order 9, rule 10 on the grounds that 12 months had expired from *the date of service of the summons* and no admission, defence or counterclaim had been delivered and judgment had not been entered against the defendant.

In his Lordship's judgment, where there was a payment into court to which Order 11, rule 3 applied then, for the 21 days referred to in notice N243, Order 9, rule 10 could have no application.

It would be wholly inappropriate where the court sent out a *notice saying that a plaintiff* had 21 days to accept a payment into court that the defendant should be able, during those 21 days, to take a course which would prevent the *plaintiff taking the money out of* court.

The only way that effect could be given to the notice was to say that *Order 9, rule 10 was suspended* during those 21 days.

Lord Justice Hutchison gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors: Geoffrey Warhurst & Co, Manchester: Beckman & Beckman for Arthur J. S. Hall & Co Crewe.

Indictments are valid despite failure to sign

Regina v Jackson and Others

Before Lord Justice Judge, Mr Justice Longmore and Mr Justice Brian Smedley

[Judgment May 13]

Where a judge concluded that there was insufficient nexus to justify *the joinder of counts* in a three-count indictment and ordered re-arraignment on two *fresh indictments, the fact that the* proper officer of the court failed to comply with the judge's unequivocal direction that she should sign the fresh indictments did not *render those indictments invalid.*

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing one of the grounds of appeal put forward by *five appellants* who on April 1, 1996 were sentenced by Judge Farrer, QC at Birmingham Crown Court to substantial terms of imprisonment following convictions for conspiracy to rob shops and post offices and possession of a prohibited weapon

Mr J. C. Price, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants: Mr S. D. Brand for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, giving the reserved judgment of the court on the ground of appeal that the failure by the proper officer to sign the indictment rendered the trials a nullity, said that the *appellants relied on R v Morais* ((1988) 87 Cr App R 9) to support the submission that the signature of the proper officer of the court was a mandatory requirement.

One important distinction from *Morais* was that in the present case, before arraignment on the fresh indictments, the judge had exercised the discretion granted to him as the trial judge by the *proviso to section 2(1) of the* Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1933 and of his own motion had directed in open court that the proper officer should sign the fresh indictments.

Their Lordships did not regard *Morais* as authority for the propo*sition that the separate jurisdiction* given to the trial judge in connection with the appropriate procedures could be frustrated merely because the proper officer of the court failed to sign the bill in accordance with the judge's instructions.

If the judge gave such an *instruction the proper officer* ceased to have any independent jurisdiction. Once the judge made the direction he did, the proper officer had no function other than to apply her signature. In that unusual situation her signature was, to adapt the language used in *Morais*, a meaningless clerical *formality*.

In those circumstances, the proper officer should be deemed to have appended her signature. Accordingly, the indictment on which the appellants were tried and convicted was not a nullity.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Birmingham.

Court of Appeal

Occupier not liable for hazard

Rowe v Herman and Others

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Morritt and Sir Brian Neill

[Judgement May 7]

An occupier employing an independent contractor who created a hazard on the adjacent highway in order to carry out private works on the occupier's land was not under a duty of care to ensure that when the contractor withdrew from the works there were no remaining hazards which could injure a third party.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the first *defendant, Peter Ian Herman,* from the order of Judge Viljoen at Barnet County Court on September 19, 1996 refusing his application to strike out the claim of the plaintiff, Rowland Alexander Rowe. The first and second defendants, who were the owners and occupiers of 246 High Road, East Finchley, London, engaged the third defendant company, L. Lynch (Plant Hire and Haulage) Ltd, as independent contractors, to build a garage there.

For the purpose of those works and more particularly to protect the paving stones outside No 246 against the passage of heavy lorries delivering to site, the third *defendants laid metal plates across* the footway which they left when they had completed the works and vacated the site.

The plaintiff, while walking home late at night, tripped over one of the metal plates and fractured his right ankle. He sued the first, second and third defen*dants in negligence. He also sued* the fourth defendants, the highway authority, for negligence and breach of statutory duty for failing to have the metal plates removed.

Mr Francis Treasure for the first defendant: Mr Quintin Iwi for the plaintiff: the other defendants did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the judge had held that there was a duty on *occupiers such as the first and* second defendants "when the contractor withdraws from the works to ensure that there are no remaining hazards which could injure a third party". The question before the court was whether that was a correct view of the law.

The starting point for consid*eration must be the basic principle that an employer was not liable for* an independent contractor's negligence: see *Salsbury v Woodland* ([1970] 1 QB 324, 336) per Lord Justice Widgery.

There were two main classes of case in which the employer was held to be under a non-delegable *duty: first, cases where the work* commissioned involved extra hazardous acts: second, cases where danger was created by work on a highway.

There was no question of the works in the instant case involving extra hazardous acts. As to work on a highway, the judge below readily accepted that the first defendant's contention that the work was carried out on private land, not on the highway, and that it was entirely the contractor's idea to put down those metal plates.

There was accordingly no liability on the first defendant as employer while the contractor was undertaking *the contract work on* site. The judge, however, had held that once the contractor had left the site there then sprang up a duty on the employer to ensure that no hazards had been left behind on the highway.

Although on its face the appeal concerned that springing duty, their Lordships saw great difficulty with such a notion and thought it right to consider whether the case should properly be regarded as one involving a *non-delegable duty on the em*ployer akin to that arising in the highway cases.

Their Lordships accordingly explored the true nature of the highway exception. An early illustration of it was to be found in *Penny v Wimbledon Urban District Council* ([1899] 2 QB 72).

Mr Iwi, while not principally concerned with the situation arising before the contractor left the site, nevertheless sought to rely on *Penny*. There was, he pointed out, a *marked similarity between the* accident in the present case and the accident there.

Both involved the plaintiff walking at night into an unlit and unprotected obstacle on the highway, there a heap of soil, in the present case a metal plate. There should, he submitted, be liability in the present case just as there was there.

In his Lordship's judgment, however, there were two critical differences between the present case and *Penny* and, indeed, the other highway cases.

First, the highway cases all *involved obstruction to the high*way as a result of work being carried out under statutory powers. Second, the obstruction arose in those cases directly from the work which the employer himself was required to do and was integral to it.

In the present case, by contrast, not merely were the first and second defendants not obliged to build a garage in the first place, but there was no suggestion that it was in fact a necessary part of the *garage construction to obstruct the* footway outside No 246 in that way.

Given, moreover, that they constituted a hazard one might suppose that the highway authority's permission was required for them, as for a builder's skip.

If permission was required and not obtained, it was impossible to regard the laying of those plates as a necessary part of the contract work. If permission was obtained, it seemed likely to have been *granted subject to conditions to* promote safety and no doubt a condition also as to removal at the end of the period of permission.

His Lordship entertained no doubt, therefore, that had the plaintiff's accident occurred during the course of the contract works, *the first and second defen*dants as occupiers could not have been held liable for it.

Why, then, should they suddenly come under a duty once their contractor left the site? If they were not responsible for those plates even while they were being used for the purpose of building the garage, why should they be responsible for them afterwards? The question appeared to his Lordship to be unanswerable.

By the same token that the employer had no control over the manner in which his independent contractor carried out his work, the reasoning underlying the general rule, so too he had no control over the way his independent contractor cleared up.

An occupier was responsible for any dangers created on his own land but he was not to be treated for all the world as if he were the occupier also of the adjacent highway.

His Lordship would rule as a matter of law that no duty of care arose in the present case such as to found the claim against the first defendant. His Lordship would *strike out the pleading against him* as one disclosing no cause of action.

Lord Justice Morritt and Sir Brian Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Chambers Rutland & Crauford, Finchley: Chesham & Co, The Hyde.

Objective test whether premises prejudicial to health

Cunningham v Birmingham City Council

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment May 6]

The proper test to apply in assessing whether or not premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health under section 79(1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act *1990* was objective *rather than* subjective.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal *by Birmingham City Council* by way of case stated against a decision of Mr Vivian Manning-Davies, Birmingham Stipendary Magistrate, on June 21, 1996 on an information laid by Mrs Carol Cunningham that a statutory nuisance had arisen and continued to exist at 15 Leysdown Grove, Acocks *Green*, which she occupied with her two children.

The council offered to abate the alleged statutory nuisance but refused to carry out the building works the occupier contended were required in view of the autism of her son.

One of the questions for the court was whether section 79(1)(a) of the 1990 Act was to be interpreted subjectively or objectively.

Section 79 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) Subject to subsections (2) to (6) below, the following matters constitute *"statutory nuisances" for the pur*poses of this Part, that is to say — (a) any premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. . ."

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Roderick Henderson for the council: Mr James Findlay for the occupier.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said there were two limbs to section 79(1)(a) "prejudicial to health" and "nuisance".

It was common ground that an objective test was to be applied to "nuisance" and he could not accept the submission that the presence of an objective test on one limb was a ground for holding "prejudicial to health" was a subjective test: see *Salford County Council v McNally* ([1976] AC 379, 389, 393, 394); *Southwark London Borough Council v Ince* ((1989) 21 HLR 504) and *NCB v Thorne* ([1976] 1 WLR 543, 743).

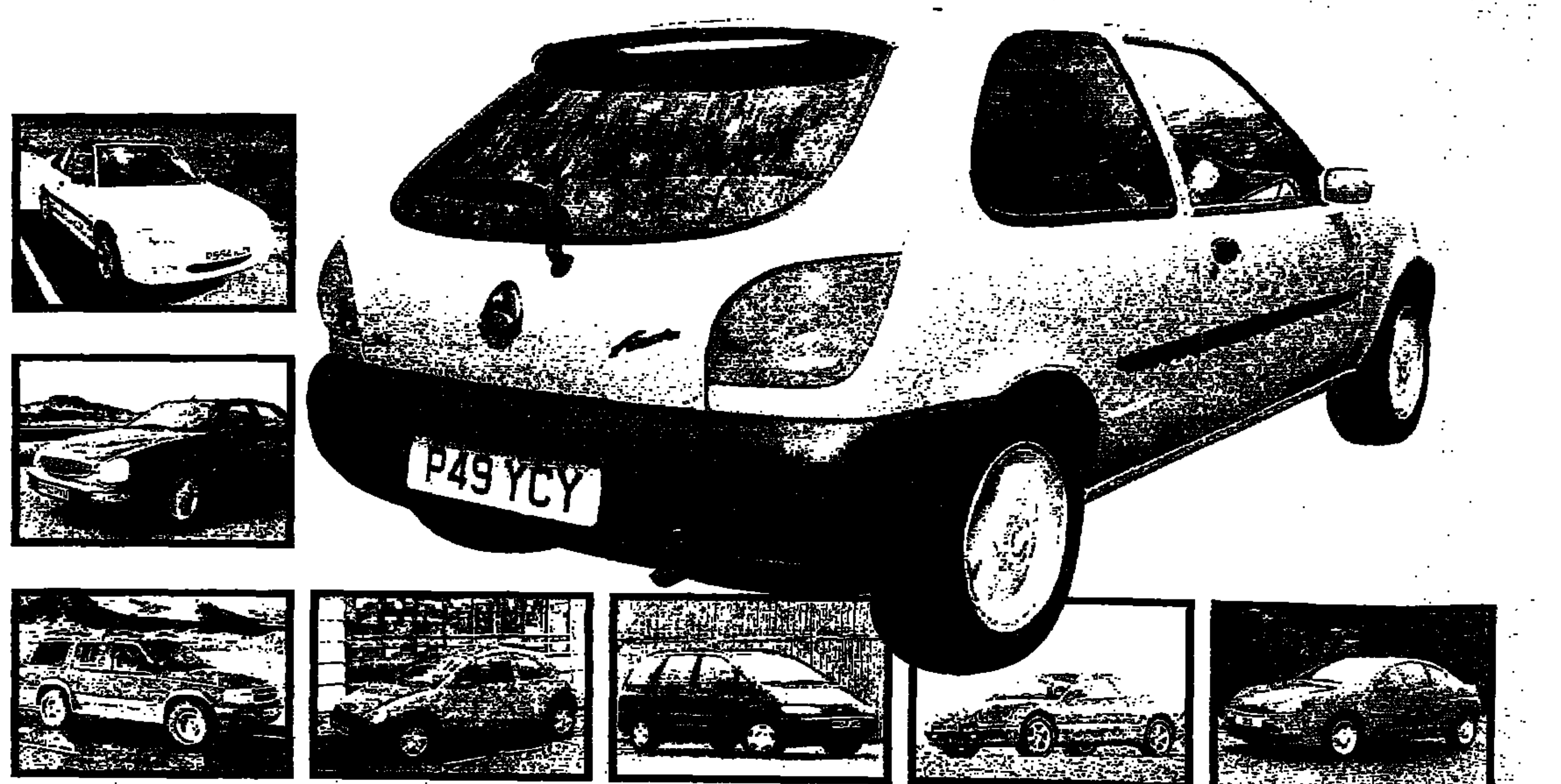
Lord Justice Woolf's observation in *Southwark* that in drawing up an abatement notice magistrates *should use discretion and common* sense (at p511H) was inconsistent with the occupier's approach that the test was subjective.

*The obligation on private land*lords would be enormous if they had to take into account the health of individual occupiers.

The stipendary magistrate was wrong to relate the respondent's duty to the particular health requirements of the son of the occupier.

Mr Justice Astill agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Stewart Dobson, Birmingham: McGrath & Co, Birmingham.



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,446.90	**Allied Domecq**	478	17	5.9	12.5
274.60	Bulmer (HP)	550	- [illegible]	[illegible]	15.5
32.20	Burn Stewart	54½	- 4	[illegible]	15.9
134.30	Glenmorangie A	382½	+ 42½	[illegible]	12.6
17,835.70	**Grand Met**	562	- 6	[illegible]	[illegible]
10,860.10	**Guinness**	574	- 5	[illegible]	17.9
442.90	Highland Dist	332		[illegible]	16.5
220.80	Matthew Clark	259½	- 7	3.2	15.5
7.85	Mrydyn W	72		12.0	11.9
5,315.10	SA Breweries†	1802½	- 103½	8.0	9.7

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
13,198.40	ABN-AMRO	1353½	- 34½	2.6	18.2
12,101.80	**Abbey Nat**	859½	- 21	3.9	15.3
3,518.20	Alliance & Leic	604½	- 7½	3.4	14.8
3,129.10	Allied Irish	465	- 1½	3.8	12.1
6,325.00	Aus New Z	424½	+ 6	4.5	
30,226.90	Bank America	7412½	- 443½		
4,363.10	**Bank Scotland**	364½	- 20	2.9	11.1
17,866.90	**Barclays**	1172	- 10	3.3	11.9
3,145.20	Bk of Ireland	654	7½	3.5	
34,384.30	Citicorp	7106½	+ 365½		
6,962.00	Commerzbk	1725	16½	2.5	
21,113.60	Dai Ichi Kan Y	662½	- 75	0.7	
17,732.70	Deutsche Bk	3543½	- 106½	1.6	
407.40	Espirito Santo	1025½	- 6½	3.6	
24,227.70	Fuji Bank Y	836½	+ 47½	0.5	
16,694.40	**HSBC**	1914½	+ 18½	2.7	16.6
33,092.20	HSBC Hk	1840½	- 16½	2.8	15.9
18,461.00	**Halifax**	735½		2.5	22.0
503.10	Irish Perm	585	- 4	2.9	
32,276.50	**Lloyds TSB**	601½	12½	2.7	19.5
13,104.80	Nat Aust Bk	876	- 2½	4.7	11.7
13,362.30	**Nat West**	760½	+ 36	4.6	11.7
5,116.80	**Ryl Bk Scot**	624	- 24	3.9	12.4
9,282.30	**Stand Chart**	939½	- 28	1.9	16.9
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164½		1.9	
5,960.50	Westpac	334½	+ 2½	4.6	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,680.40	**Bass†**	754	- 30½	4.2	14.1
15.50	Brk for the Bdr	47	- 2½	4.1	12.9
32.00	Burtonwd Brw	154	1½	4.6	13.9
253.30	City Centre Rest	130½	+ 2½	2.4	[illegible]
2,226.80	Compass Gp	693½	- 13½	1.6	[illegible]
63.50	Eldridge P A	299½	- 5	2.3	16.4
64.20	Fuller Sm A	465		2.5	15.5
1,359.80	Greenalls Grp†	480	3½	4.5	11.4
391.40	Greene King	647	+ ½	2.1	16.3
26.20	Grosvenor Inns	184½	- 2	4.1	17.8
45.50	Groupe Chez Ger	243½	- 7	1.5	23.9
54.10	Hardy Hansn	270½	- 3	4.9	12.3
81.90	Hall H	282½		2.6	16.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
652.30	Antofagasta	415	+ 7	1.6	21.9
222.20	Ascot Hldgs†	274	1	2.4	
17,289.70	Broken Hill	873½	- 4	3.7	30.4
7,536.60	**BTR**	188½	10	6.4	8.1
16,953.90	**BAT†**	546	1½	6.0	11.7
236.50	Bibby (J)	191	+ ½	3.6	10.2
1,542.20	Brierley Inv	57½	+ 1½	8.2	9.5
775.20	Charter	802½	- 21	4.6	11.3
1,536.00	Cookson	224	11½	4.8	14.0
25.80	Cortafl	210	6½	6.3	8.9
289.00	DCC†	351½		2.8	
144.10	Grampian Hdg	129	- 0½	8.1	10.8

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,704.40	Electrocomps	400	+ ½	2.2	24.7
9.00	Fuseb. Elec	134½	- 2	4.6	19.2
44.90	European Mtr	402	1	7.9	8.5
60.90	Evans Halshaw	717½	- 2½	9.6	
6.28	Fair Instrmt	40½		10.7	8.1
7.10	Firmfield Grp	338½	5½	2.5	17.2
27.60	Gardens	75½	¼	4.7	9.7
15.10	Ganschuton	64	+ 1	2.7	12.1
8.68	Lownings	97½	- 6	1.8	22.2
21.70	HR Owen	13½	¼	6.7	12.0
25.00	Hanov††	84	5½	4.1	7.8
20.90	Harris (Philip)	242½		4.5	14.8
180.10	Heartland	309	- 3½	2.3	20.4
6.20	Holden Tech	155		5.2	14.2
90.40	GA Ind	271	- 11½	1.6	17.0
1,512.70	Inchcape†	286	4½	4.6	17.5
2.29	Jacks (Wm)†	67½		4.2	10.4
445.70	Keith Fd	252½	- ½	2.8	18.1
405.80	Lex Service	355	+ 3½	5.6	11.2
25.40	Lookers	106	+ 2	9.7	7.4
66.00	Middlecox	8½		1.2	12.6
13.70	Mazzatec†	26	- ½	2.3	
20.60	Noboen	196½	18½	5.1	5.4
48.80	Northumbr	143	- 1½	1.2	8.5
232.40	Partco	321½	4	3.1	16.9
139.90	Pendragon	361½		3.4	16.7
48.00	Perry Gp†	187½		6.0	8.9
1,257.50	Premier Farnell†	463	- 8	3.2	17.1
34.80	Quicks Group†	145½		6.0	9.9
31.90	REA†	350	+ 4	1.4	43.1
3.99	Rivers	7½			26.2
17.00	Reetson	19	+ 2½	9.9	6.5
4.60	Rynz Gp	3½			
27.40	Ritand	96½		5.2	17.3
16.30	SEP Ind	29½	- ¼	6.7	13.3
13.30	Sutre	51½		3.0	
190.50	Time Products	351½	- 9	4.4	
79.60	UNIFO	370	+ 20	1.9	23.0
64.10	United Docks Gp	70½	- 2½		15.3
175.50	Vardy (Reg)	310	+ 5½	2.8	13.6
100.00	WF Elect	685	+ 12	2.4	24.4
29.30	Witchaw	30½	¼	3.5	8.9
95.80	Wylie	135	- 5½	2.5	15.8
41.90	Young (H)†	143½	1½	3.7	12.7

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,806.30	Anglian	670	- 13½	6.7	9.0
113.10	East Surrey	229½	+ 4½	5.3	9.2
1,172.00	Hyder	819	+ 8½	6.2	11.3
229.30	Hyder Cm Prf	110½	+ 1½	8.9	
100.00	Mid Kent Hdgs	585		6.6	
2,712.20	**Severn Trent**	770½	- 7½	5.5	8.5
168.30	South Staffs	285½	- 12½	3.9	
949.10	South West	733½	+ 17	6.5	8.6
2,634.10	**Thames**	695	+ 8½	5.4	9.0
3,062.30	**Utd Utilities**	691	- 8½	7.0	11.2
823.50	Wessex	392½	- 11	5.1	7.8
1,435.70	Yorkshire	385	+ 9½	6.2	7.9

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wk's +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.33	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
5.58	Cafe Inns	182½	+ 2½	1.6	14.8
43.60	Country Gdns†	221½	- 7	0.9	20.5
127.60	Dawson Hdgs†	225	- 5½	2.7	21.7
184.20	Freepages	40	- 1½		
54.10	Megalomedia	92½			51.9
27.00	Memory Corp	42½	- 2½		
74.30	Prism Rail	285			
270.90	Ramco Egyt	1030	- 46½	0.1	
177.60	Southern News	734	- 1	3.1	23.8
14.40	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
57.20	Surrey Fr Inns	493	- 4½	0.6	34.1
168.90	Trocadero†	34	- 1		

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Baillie Gifford Japan, Howle Holdings, *Ideal Hardware*, Treatt, Unidare. **Finals:** Acal, Amberley Gp, BAA Group, James Cropper, Electrocomponents, *Hambros Investment*, Henderson, Hyder, Oriflame International, Renold, Safeland, Christian Salvesen, *Technofan*, Umeco. **Economic statistics:** UK housing starts and completions (April), *UK industrial* and manufacturing output (April), UK producer prices (May), UK CBI annual innovation trends survey. Hong Kong markets closed.

TOMORROW

Interims: Leeds Group. **Finals:** Babcock International, British Thornton, Charles Stanley Gp, Davenport Knitwear, Drummond Group, *FirstBus, Macdonald* Hotels, Marshalls, MCIT, Northern Foods, Severn Trent, Volex Group, *Whitehead Mann*, Zambia Consolidated Copper. **Economic statistics:** UK British Retail Consortium retail sales survey (May), API weekly oil supply statistics.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Denmans Electrical, Expro International, Fountain Forestry, Granada Group. **Finals:** Bradford Property Trust, British Land, Bristol Water Holdings, Ensor Holdings, GWR Group, Leigh Interests, Meyer International, Moorgate Smaller, Eliza Tinsley Group, WT Foods. **Economic statistics:** UK unemployment (May), average *earnings (April), unit wage* costs (April), UK winter labour force survey.

THURSDAY

Interims: Dewhurst, Energy Group, Morland. **Finals:** CPL Aromas, Daily Mail & General Trust, Eurodollar (Holdings), FKI, Hartstone Protean, Scottish *Hydro-Electric*, Fuller Smith & Turner, Scapa. **Economic statistics:** UK retail price *index (May), US retail* sales (May), US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Interims: Burndene Investments. **Finals:** Martin Currie European, Osborne & Little. **Economic statistics:** UK CBI property trends survey.

COMPANIES MICHAEL CLARK

BAA revenues expected to take off

BAA GROUP: Full-year figures from the independent airport operator published today will be overshadowed by a £40 million write-off of capitalised interest relating to the Terminal 5 project. Pre-tax profits are predicted to run out at £440 million before the *write-off, against £403 million* last time. Earnings per share are also set to grow to 32p (29.1p).

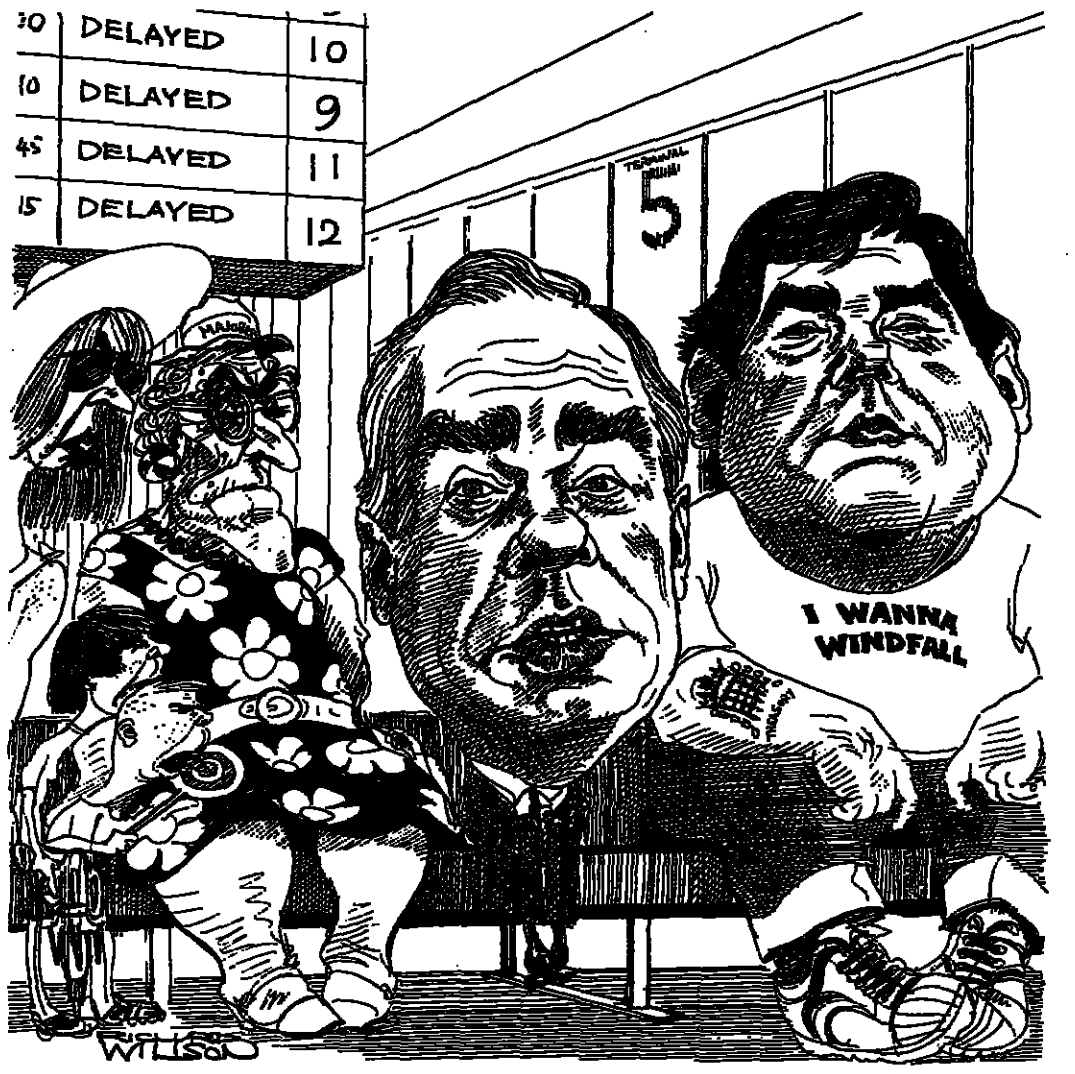
A key factor behind the increase in profitability will be a 4.6 per cent rise in passenger numbers to 98 million last year, with freight volumes up almost 6 per cent. It is also estimated that revenue from traffic charges will have grown almost 8 per cent to £468 million, while retail income is up 9.2 per cent at £608 million *and property income is up 8 per* cent to £230 million.

Overall revenues are likely to be up 8 per cent at £1.35 billion. Against this, the group will have to offset a further 6.2 per cent rise in costs which previously reached £860 million. The payout should rise 11 per cent to 12.5p.

GRANADA: The full benefits of the Forte acquisition will become apparent when the hotels and leisure group unveils half-year figures on Wednesday. They should reveal a sharp jump in pre-tax profits from £183.5 million to £239 million, while earnings *should show a modest increase of* 4 per cent to 18.9p. But the figures will also confirm that the £100 million of incremental profits during the £3.1 billion bid has *been delivered*.

Exceptional items are expected to include a £140 million contribution on the disposal of Welcome Break along with a £160 *million write-back of* goodwill relating to computer maintenance and a £10 million charge for restructuring the rentals business.

In the meantime, the market will no doubt be anxious for further information about the disposal of certain exclusive properties, including the Grosvenor *House, and the stake in the Savoy* Hotel. Offers have also been been invited for the computer maintenance business and there is a question mark over volumes at *Little Chef after menu changes.*



Sir John Egan, BAA chief executive, will announce a £40 million write-off relating to Terminal 5

Shareholders are likely to be *rewarded with an increase in the* payout of 11 per cent to 4.7p.

HYDER: The utilities reporting season continues apace today with full-year figures from the second of the combined water and electricity companies. Pre-tax profits should show a healthy increase of almost 30 per cent *from £168 million to* £215 million, with earnings per share up 8p at 121p. Brokers will be seeking evidence of further integration savings after the merger of Welsh Water and South Wales Electricity. A dividend increase of 14 per cent to 44p will be in line with the rest of the sector.

SEVERN TRENT: A virtually static performance is expected of the group when it unveils full-year figures tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in roughly unchanged at £373 million, with earnings per share 3 per cent higher at 92.3p, compared with 89.6p last time. However, the figures are likely to contain provisions relating to the aborted bid for South West Water last summer. The outcome will also have been affected by efforts to relieve the drought.

Another solid performance from its Biffa waste services division in this country will have been offset by a disappointing performance in Belgium. NatWest is forecasting a contribution of £24 million which is unlikely to cover financing costs. NatWest is also looking for a final payment of 21.6p, stretching the year's total to 36.6p against 30.5p last time.

SCOTTISH HYDRO-ELECTRIC: Despite the impact of rising costs, the group is expected to produce a healthy increase in the dividend of 11 per cent from 15.76p to 17.5p when it unveils full-year figures on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are expected to rise 4 per cent from £195 million to £203 million and earnings per share from 38.7p to 40.3p.

The second successive year of drier than average weather means the group has had to burn *more coal, thus increasing the* cost of generating electricity. To counter this the group has been steadily growing its English supply and generation operation.

NORTHERN FOODS: Tomorrow's announcement of full-year figures should reveal a small increase in profitability. At the pre-tax level they should be up 3 per cent from £124 million to £128 million, with earnings 2 per cent *ahead at 16p. The cut in super*market milk prices came as a shock to the market, but NatWest does not expect it to have an adverse affect on margins. The prepared food division is likely to have achieved a better result than originally expected. However, this improvement will be offset by the depressed prices of dairy by-products. The payout is likely to go up from 9p to 9.5p.

FKI: Full-year figures on Thursday, will clearly underline the benefits of the group's recent acquisition programme. Pre-tax profits are expected to grow by almost a third to *£116 million*, with earnings per share achieving a 23 per cent increase to 13.8p. But organic growth is showing signs of slowing and this has worried City *investors. Their* fears may well be soothed by the *12 per cent* increase in the net payout to 5.8p.

CHRISTIAN SALVESEN: Buoyant trading at its Aggreko subsidiary and a recovery in food services will have paved the way for a 12 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £76.6 *million* to £86 million when finals are announced today. Earnings are likely to be up 10 per cent at 22.8p. Aggreko, which is to be demerged next year, is expected to turn in profits of £39 million, up 27 per cent on the previous year.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

EMU turmoil tops agenda

The growing EMU turmoil is likely to be at the top of the agenda today as EU finance ministers meet in Luxembourg *for the monthly Ecofin. The* market wants to establish the exact position of the new French Government on EMU, and is still awaiting full details on the compromise being hammered out *between the German* Government and the Bundesbank over gold revalution. Britain will be seeking to persuade the other countries to put aside some of their EMU worries to concentrate on jobs and the completion of the single market.

In the UK, the market's main focus on Wednesday will be the employment data, which has been closely *monitored by the* Bank of England in recent months. MMS International, the economic forecasting group, predicts that the April figures for average earnings will show growth accelerating from 4.5 *per cent to 5 per cent*. Unemployment is expected to fall again, although the rate of decline will slow to reflect the end of the distorting impact of the jobseeker's allowance. MMS forecasts a fall of 40,000 in May (April: 59,000).

The May inflation figures, to be published on Thursday, are not expected to bring too many surprises, with both headline and underlying inflation predicted to remain close to the levels seen in April. MMS forecasts underlying inflation will rise from 2.5 per cent to 2.6 per cent, just above the Government's target figure.

The industrial production figures for April, due today, are expected to show a small improvement in manufacturing output after March's unexpected fall. It is predicted to rise by 0.2 per cent, taking the annual rate to 2 per cent from 1.4 per cent in March. Producer price data for May, which is also released today, will show the strong pound continuing to cause a fall in the price of raw material. Annual growth in factory-gate prices is forecast to accelerate from 0.8 per cent in April to 1.4 per cent.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Hold Country Casuals, Tilbury Douglas and BAA.** *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Rexam, Ideal Hardware, *Courts, Revelation Piccadilly*, Pillar Property and Luminar. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Vodafone and Seton Healthcare. *The Sunday Express*: **Buy** BTG, Campbell and Armstrong. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Television Corporation: **Sell** Finelist.

ENI shares to be offered to British

BY FRASER NELSON

BRITISH investors will be offered £300 million of shares *in ENI, the Italian oil and gas* company that is the subject of one of this year's largest equity placings.

The Italian Government is selling a *further 12.5 per cent* of ENI in an international placing to raise $5.13 billion.

The placing is being made in a series of worldwide tranches, with a $3.29 billion stake available to institutional shareholders. Italian retail investors are being invited to apply at a 3.5 per cent discount to the market, and ENI's employees at a 4 per cent discount.

The Italian Government *will hold a 56 per cent stake* after the placing. It has already sold some 31 per cent of the company through two other tranches. The first, in November 1995, flopped but the shares have since risen by *40 per cent. The last placing*, which raised some $5.9 billion, was held seven months ago and was three times oversubscribed.

ENI is the largest company on the Italian stock exchange, and the eighth largest oil and gas company in the world. Last year, it generated operating income of $6.32 billion on sales of $38.8 billion.

The sell-off is the central plank of Italy's tentative privatisation programme. So far, only two companies have been fully privatised: INA, an insurer, and IMI, a financial services company. In both cases, the shares were placed into the hands of "core" shareholders, largely public sector banks.

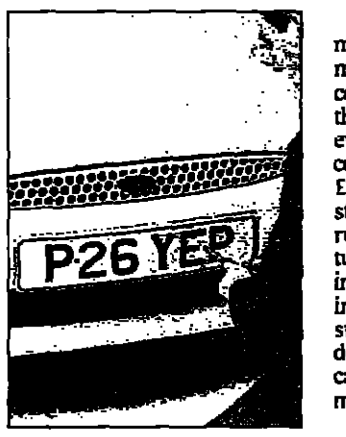
Scrapping August car change 'will cost jobs'

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING EDITOR

SCRAPPING the August registration letter change would cost the British motor industry 10,000 jobs and £740 million in sales, according to a report published today.

KPMG Management Consulting gives warning that plans to get rid of the system in which the year identifier on registration plates is changed each August could cost up to 50,000 car sales, with the impact spreading through manufacturers, dealers and component suppliers.

Roger Cockcroft, KPMG's automotive consultant, said: "Without August 1 as a focus for sales, the new-car market will drift and 50,000 sales will be lost. No way should we be prepared to lose 10,000 jobs just to iron out the autumn *sales bulge.*"



Time for a new identity?

The August sales boom accounts for a quarter of new cars sold each year. Barbara Castle, the Transport Secretary, *introduced the system in* 1963 to help to identify cars ready for what was then the new MoT test. The original change was in January but dealers pleaded for August when sales were slow.

When the letter change was moved to August in 1967, that month's sales initially accounted for just 7.9 per cent of the annual total. Now, however, the August sales bulge costs the industry more than £30 million a year as dealer staff work 18-hour days in the run-up to August 1, manufacturers speed up assembly lines *in June and July and the* industry keeps 300,000 cars in stock. Dealers are taking orders for August cars now, causing a slump in sales this *month and in July*.

The Conservative Government was committed to change by 2004. But KPMG says the proposals for change were *"fatally flawed"*. *Mr* Cockcroft added: "There is a case for change, but our research shows that August's 25 per cent share of UK *registrations cannot be* blamed just on the one-upmanship of the new letter. The new calendar year in Europe does not trigger a leap in sales, so why should the UK be different?"

EDS tops computer table

BY FRASER NELSON

EDS, the American computer services group, has overtaken Japan's ICL to become the biggest name in the British software and computer services industry, according to a report due this week.

The Holway Report, an annual publication with a wide following in the City, finds that EDS saw the value of its contracts surge by 46 per cent last year, to £765 million. Overseas computer companies have the lion's share of the UK market, with IBM second with a £600 million share, and ICL sliding to third with *UK* contracts worth £578 million in 1996.

GEC-Marconi is the only fully British company in the top ten, ranking eighth with profits of *£270 million*. Sema, the Anglo-French but London-listed company, was fourth with a market share worth £361 million.

Microsoft has slid from seventh to ninth, with UK profits up only 16 per cent to £260 million. The software house estimates that it loses a similar amount of money in the UK through pirating.

The software and computing services market as a whole grew *to £10.9 billion* in 1996, growing by 17 per cent. Profitability per employee rose by 10 per cent last year, to £5,600 a year, the report adds.

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FREE ADMISSION

Regulators play key role in shaping windfall tax

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

UTILITY regulators are playing a vital role in shaping the windfall tax that Gordon Brown intends to introduce in his first Budget next month.

The formula chosen by the Chancellor will decide how the burden of tax is shared between electricity, water and other companies, such as BT, likely to have to pay it. The potential outcomes vary widely.

The utility regulators have begun acting as intermediaries in talks between the Treasury and companies as negotiations reach their final stage. Ian Byatt, the water regulator, and Stephen Littlechild, his counterpart in electricity, are now liaising with Treasury officials on company information.

Some companies are complaining that their views have received little attention. An insider at one multi-utility that has had windfall tax talks with Mr Byatt and Professor Littlechild in the last two weeks said: "The regulators have powerful access to the Treasury. You get the impression that the consultation process was really just lip service to the companies to avoid any judicial reviews."

A spokesman for Ofwat, the water watchdog, said that Mr Byatt had held talks with companies to give the Treasury the fullest feedback. The consultations would give the companies "an opportunity to clarify their positions".

A spokeswoman for the electricity regulator said Professor Littlechild would put forward views on the regulatory implications of the tax.

The views of the regulators will be important for Treasury officials trying to juggle the complexities of multi-utilities that combine water and electricity, and, in the case of ScottishPower, generation interests.

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, who has been critical of the tax and has said that it should not be applied to Centrica — the supply arm of the old British Gas — has also had consultations with the Treasury.

The Treasury said: "We are consulting with the regulators. Over the next week or so we would expect to have got what we need." A spokesman denied that the unexpectedly late Budget was a sign that the windfall tax was proving difficult to negotiate. An early Budget "was never on the cards", he said.

Mr Brown is expected to announce in the Budget on July 2 both the amount of the windfall tax, the companies that are affected and the formula by which it will be implemented. He is not expected to detail the individual payments for companies, although they will be obliged to issue guidance to the Stock Exchange as soon as they can.

The Stock Exchange screens are likely to be deluged with indications of provisions from the companies the following day — along with any sign of dissent.

Knight Williams holds up payouts

By Nathan Yates

VICTIMS of Knight Williams, the collapsed financial adviser, are being deprived of compensation by the threat of litigation from the company's board, an investors' body said yesterday.

Investors in what was formerly Britain's biggest financial adviser received their first compensation payments at the start of April, but the Knight Williams Investors' Action Group (KWIAG) said legal pressure from the company's directors had cut the number of payouts to just 12 so far.

Those who lost out from the fall of the former retirement specialist are due payments from the Investors Compensation Scheme, the body that acts as a safety net for victims of failed financial services firms.

But Knight Williams directors have written to the ICS threatening judicial review if it makes "mistakes" allocating liquidated assets. In a letter to KWIAG seen by *The Times*, the ICS admits that the threat of legal action will delay the compensation process, by more than six months in some cases.

Kenneth Jordan, founding president of the KWIAG, said: "It is appalling that members of a disgraced board should be permitted to hold up procedures in this way." More than 12,000 clients lost out when the company folded in 1995.

ENCYCLOPEDI
THE BESTSELLING FULL COLOUR ENCYCLOP

Edward Knighton, left, the finance director of Helicon Publishing, and David Attwooll, managing director

Hi-tech companies head for market

By Fraser Nelson

THE post-election season of new issues is gaining momentum, with two technology companies joining the market next month, with a combined value of up to £35 million.

Helicon Publishing, whose titles include *The Hutchinson Encyclopedia*, is expected to be valued at £10 million next month when it plans to raise £3 million through a placing.

The company was established on the success of its encyclopedia, which it has put on a database and now publishes on CD-Rom. Microsoft, which owns 40 per cent of Helicon, is supporting it with orders for reference material for Encarta, its own CD-Rom multimedia encyclopedia. Helicon says that it will be the only London-listed company with Microsoft as a major shareholder. It had sales of £3.5 million and made a profit of £101,000 before interest and tax in the year to March 31.

AIT Group, which provides computer services to the financial sector, plans to join the main market next month, valued £20 million to £25 million. Founded 11 years ago, it made pre-tax profit of £1.6 million in the year to March 31, up from £1.1 million. It is raising £2 million through a placing sponsored by Greig Middleton.

Yields will be influenced by credibility of Bank committee

GILT-EDGED

The Bank of England's new monetary policy committee has made its decision. The rise in rates, despite the possibility of tightening in the Budget and the strength of sterling, has already affected perceptions of the new committee. As its reputation builds in the coming months, one way or the other, ultimately there will be important effects on the level of gilt yields.

The pattern of interest rate decisions will be important in establishing this reputation. Over time, though, the way in which these decisions are reached will be equally important. The committee must demonstrate that it can tread a careful line between rules and discretion, and to do that it has to give the Bank's forecasting system an urgent overhaul.

Every central bank needs objectives against which its credibility can be measured by investors. Balancing this, it needs the flexibility to adjust to changing and unforeseen circumstances. Without objectives, the monetary authority can neither obtain nor retain its reputation. Equally, slavish adherence to targets is bound to lead to trouble sooner or later, probably sooner. The use of an inflation target is an attempt to escape from the tyranny of intermediate objectives such as money supply.

But it is scarcely foolproof. The central bank cannot control current inflation, it merely influences future inflation. This is why the regime in place for the past three and a half years emphasised inflation forecasts. Policy was to be tightened if inflation was predicted to exceed the target, eased if it was forecast to be below. Of course there could be forecasting errors, but if the job was done well, these would be random, so policy would be a bit tight as often as it would be a bit loose. This appears to be a fully rule-based system, and at first sight the only discretion arose when the Chancellor chose to neglect the Bank's advice. Now that the Bank alone makes the decision, will the process become mechanical, with no judgment? If so, the monetary committee members will play a pure role in rubber-stamping the decisions implied by the inflation forecasts.

But, of course, this is not the case. These were not mechanical forecasts, produced from a published model, let alone an unchanging one. There was already disguised discretion, bundled inside the forecasting process. At times, this was made completely explicit, as when the Bank indicated it was assuming that sterling's strength would be reversed, by more than implied by the forecasts, with consequent adverse impact on inflation. At other times, there may have also been judgmental input, in the choice of equation if nothing else.

In short, the Bank's forecasts were more than just predictions: they were also the Bank's policy recommendation. A forecast of inflation above target embodied the Bank's view that rates had to rise.

There are at least two reasons why this has to change under the new regime. First, because the monetary policy committee now contains a number of voices. The Bank's inflation projections cannot embody judgments from all of them, except when they all happen to agree. Second, because an independent central bank, as it grows in stature in the eyes of the markets, has to demonstrate that it is capable of explicitly exercising judgment, of "bending the rules" while still adhering to the spirit of its mandate. This is something both the Bundesbank and the Fed do with skill, most — though not all — of the time.

This suggests that the Bank should now separate the mechanical and judgmental parts of its work. The inflation forecast should become an explicitly mechanical process, with published equations and assumptions, and a reasonably well-defined process for updating that forecasting system. At the same time, its role should be downgraded, so that it becomes an input, important but not overriding, to the monetary policy committee's decision-making. The minutes will then provide a clear record of the judgmental part of the process.

A lot is at stake here. If the committee gets this right, gilts will not only consolidate the 40 base points or so narrowing the spread over Bunds that followed the announcement of independence, but ultimately shrink the gap much further. There is no reason why the remaining spread in the five-year five-year forward rate should not be eliminated completely, if the Bank's policy-making is perceived to be as credible as that of the (equally unknown) European Central Bank.

Giles Keating
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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

AIM tax reliefs expected to survive

THE Alternative Investment Market is likely to escape a crackdown on its tax relief system in the Budget, according to City analysts who follow the junior exchange.

The market, set up to encourage investment in and provide equity finance for developing companies, is expected to slip through the net because of its popularity among private investors.

At present, about 40 of the 280 companies that trade on AIM fall within the complex criteria that allow investors to avoid paying tax on any profit made on selling the shares, as long as the money is reinvested in the market.

It is feared in some quarters that this incentive — designed to encourage the flotation of British companies not in the financial services sector — had been identified by Labour as one of the tax loopholes it has pledged to close at the first opportunity.

However, a growing body of opinion believes that Labour's enthusiasm to be seen as the friend of entrepreneurial business will overcome any inclination to wipe out the benefit.

It is also understood that the Government will take the view that scrapping the relief will prove deeply unpopular among the private investors who support AIM, and will provide a minimal amount of extra money to the Treasury. One analyst said: "AIM is not the playground of the big City institutions — AIM is small beer for them and most don't bother investing in the market at all. Money raised by taking away reinvestment relief would come straight from the pocket of private investors."

Companies with shares that qualify for the tax relief have not been in unusually strong demand recently, showing that investors, whether corporate or private, are not particularly worried about the relief being scrapped. Under the complex qualification rules, no company can say for sure whether its shares will qualify, although companies such as Preston North End and the Personal Number Company, run by Geremy Thomas, are understood to be virtually guaranteed to pass muster.

Stephen Roberts, a dealer at Winterflood Securties, said: "AIM has worked for a huge amount of individual investors who have made a lot of money out of it. What we would like to see is Labour allowing AIM stocks to be kept in Peps [personal equity plans]. That would really set the market alight."

Other analysts say the high-risk nature of AIM would make such an endorsement unlikely.

Fraser Nelson

Geremy Thomas's company is likely to fulfil tax relief criteria

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
139	100½	11.80	AFA Systems	117½			
155½	126½	19.80	AMCO Corp	125½	- 1½	5.6	10.0
422½	170	61.80	AND Int Pub	297½	- 40		
107½	84½	1.33	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
195	99½	29.50	Access Plus	172	- 9½	3.4	23.3
100½	17½	3.66	Active Imaging	20			
205	200	30.30	A de Gruchy	205		4.4	..
11¼	8¼	9.76	African Gold	9½		..	20.2
117½	77½	39.90	Airtech	87½	- 6		
44½	31¼	13.50	Albemarle & Bd	35½	- 2	0.9	15.3
52½	29½	8.04	Alizyme	46½	- 1		
111½	94½	2.96	Anglo-Welsh	95½		3.1	
545	456	51.40	Arn St Brewery	535	- 5	4.9	
1165	1015	6.87	Arn St Cv Pf	1160	- 20	7.1	
129½	65½	80.80	Antonov	105½	- 3	..	
148½	112½	19.40	Aortech	112½	- 2		
100½	100	10.20	Archer Dedicated	100		1.0	55.6
29½	7	6.52	Aron Props	27½			
115	30½	41.10	Ashurst	47½	- 7½		
262½	130	45.80	Ask Central	220	- 10	0.3	50.2
67½	64½	1.22	Athelney Trust	67½		1.9	58.4
103½	86½	67.30	Avalon Oil	88½	- 1½		
144½	130½	42.50	BATM Adv Comms	136½	- 4	2.3	
59½	32½	6.27	Barbican Health	32½			
9¾	6½	16.40	Barrasford	9¾			
3¼	2½	4.72	Beechcroft	2½	- ¼	..	8.5
4½	2½	8.63	Beaufort	4½	- 1½	1.9	..
44½	38½	6.70	Bickerton	40	..	..	22.3
76½	61½	5.52	Bilston Battsea	62	- ½	3.0	16.5
64	33½	17.80	Birmingham City	35½	- 2	..	..
185	145	1.28	Bowness Leis	182½	..	3.1	7.9
62½	45½	8.14	Brancote Hldgs	46½	- 3		..
93	88	3.78	Br Bloodstock	90	..	2.1	25.8
565	510	67.30	Brockbank	547½	..	1.9	13.4
187½	144½	19.60	CA Coutts Hldgs	165		2.0	20.7
180	128½	8.92	C & B Publishing	175	..		..
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½			
184½	140½	1.48	CCI Hldgs	184½	+ 2	1.7	8.3
210½	170	5.58	Cafe Inns	192½	+ 2½	1.6	14.8
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65			11.1
3½	3	3.17	Calidore Group	3			..
1½	0½	1.60	Calidore Grp Wts	1			
17½	9	1.95	Cambridge Min Res	9	- ¼	..	..
51	29	40.10	Card Clear	43½	- ½		43.0
97½	55½	5.81	Carisbrooke Ship	57½	- 5	7.6	5.4
62	48	2.64	Cassidy Bros	48	- 9	7.8	12.4
57½	47½	2.09	Cavendish W	47½	..	4.2	24.3
18	13	4.84	Celebrated Group	14½		2.3	12.8
£550	£275	88.50	Celtic	£295		..	
£450	£270		Celtic Pf Shs	£295	..	..	..
111½	96½	23.10	Cf Comms(TV)	105½	+ 1	3.7	
65	54½	12.00	Charlton Ath	55	..	..	
9	6¼	8.25	Charterhouse	8¼			17.3
37½	17½	2.01	Chartwell Intl	17½	..		..
170	101½	158.40	Chelsea Village	101½	- 12		
265	145	12.30	Chemical Design	190	- 5	..	26.9
202½	65	8.32	Circle Comms	75	..	1.7	..
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	..	..	72.7
2½	2½	1.05	ClubPartners	2½	..		..
150½	132½	15.70	Commo	142½		2.0	13.4
587½	527½	14.10	Com de Prt Fin	587½	..	2.1	11.5
30	14	10.10	Concurrent Tech	21½	..	0.6	33.9
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	..		
150	95	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	..	..	
300	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	..	..	
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225		..	
41	36½	8.29	Conister Tst	37½	- ½	6.7	9.3
4¼	2	5.07	Corporate Exec	3¼			16.4
230	153½	43.60	Country Gdns	221½	- 7	0.9	20.5
175	117½	5.19	Cntry Gdns Pf	170		7.4	..
37½	6½	3.77	Creos Intl	10½	+ 3		
290	235	3.76	Crown Eye	235	- 20	6.6	5.8
28½	5¾	2.70	Crown Products	5¾	- 2¾	..	14.4
20½	18½	0.89	Dalkeith Inns	18½			..
117½	84½	5.91	David Glass	109½	- 6	7.0	..
160	120½	5.60	Dawn Til Dusk	160			12.4
262½	215	127.60	Dawson Hldgs	225	- 5½	2.7	21.7
16½	10½	6.02	Dean Corp	13	..	4.8	7.7
174½	169½	10.70	Deep Sea Leisure	169½	..		22.7
3¼	2	2.91	Denimacter	2¼	+ ¼		14.9
460	350	45.50	Dicom	352½	- 7½	0.5	14.5
105½	89½	15.40	Digital Anmin	104½		..	..
80	74½	6.87	Delyn Group	79	+ 4½	3.2	15.7
72½	50½	11.20	Dimatek	59½	..	..	..
310	240	14.10	Dobbies Garden	299		1.9	18.9
148½	122½	14.40	Dragons Health	144½	- ½	..	27.3
3¼	2	3.71	Drings of Bath	2¼	..		11.0
42½	30	3.41	Eagle	35			
81½	49½	11.20	Easynet	69½	+ 3		..
445	207½	76.00	Elec Retail Sys	360	+ 25	..	
60½	36½	32.70	Electrophoretics	42½	..	..	..
52½	7½	3.55	Epic Multimedia	15¼	..	..	..
65	45	11.60	Epicore Netwks	45	..		
275	190	9.80	Eurasia Mining	265	+ 15		
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175	165	16.90	Eve Group	172½		1.1	..
350	260	6.76	Fairlake	260		..	17.3
77½	47½	7.41	Fayrewood	52½	- 1	1.9	..
191½	130½	52.10	Fibernet	140	- 4½	..	
69½	47½	2.38	Fieldens	47½		3.9	27.4
242½	205	5.58	Finl Pubis	232½		..	8.1
14½	11½	2.44	First Intor	12	..		
200	109½	43.00	Fitness First	156½	+ 1½	..	61.3
230	145	3.77	Flomerics	145	- 5	2.6	11.8
292½	247½	7.67	Floral St	247½	..	0.8	17.7
32½	22½	5.14	FNR Hldgs	24½	..		
152½	115½	12.50	Formscan	117½	- 2	3.5	11.8
170½	89½	8.50	Fountain Forest	95½	- 1	..	14.7
51¼	37	194.20	Freepages	40	- 1½		..
180½	140½	10.80	Furlong Homes	180	..	2.3	12.4
164½	124½	17.80	Future Int Telep	160½	- 2		
296	129½	14.30	GB Railways	162½	+ 3	..	..
55½	50½	16.30	Gall Thomson Env	52½		..	9.9
16¼	11½	46.00	Gander Hldgs	15¾	- ¼	..	
107	82½	75.30	Gartland W&B	86½	- 3	0.5	7.8
102	54½	75.00	Geo Int Media	75	- 1½	..	..
33¼	12	42.30	Gold Mines Sard	32¾	+ 1¾	..	
24	7	12.90	Gold Mns Sard Wts	24	+ 3		
127½	120½	43.20	Goshawk Insce	127½	..		
15¼	14¾	1.80	Grosvenor Ltd	14¾			
155	140	35.00	Guiton	155		3.8	11.4
330	265	34.20	HIT Entertain	305	..	0.2	
8	5¾	2.39	Hancorn	6¼		..	..
175	155	11.30	Hardy Undwtg	155	..	1.6	..
77½	54½	3.41	Hat Pin	77½	+ 2	4.4	12.4
315	275	6.62	Heavitree	315		2.8	16.4
270	245	11.10	Heavitree A	265		3.3	13.8
175	110	5.78	Hercules Prop	175	+ 15	..	9.5
175	105	11.60	Highams Sys	130			19.0
130	115	160.20	Hiscox	130	+ 10	2.9	
75	75	1.20	Hurlingham	75	..	..	
107½	104½	7.07	Hydro-Dynamic	105½		1.4	
172½	138	24.10	IES	139½	..	1.4	43.3
77½	66½	19.90	Ind Brit Health	77	+ 7	1.6	10.8
90½	55½	11.80	Indpt Energy	90		..	..
133½	116½	21.20	Indpt Radio	118½	- 4		..
203½	141½	38.20	Infobank Intl	198	+ 2	..	
60½	42½	11.80	Inner Workings	60½	..	..	
125	102½	3.75	Integrd As Mgt	125	+ 19½	..	
82½	62½	17.90	Intelligent Env	80	+ 7½	..	..
110	42½	27.60	Internet Tech	91	+ 5½	..	..
151½	35½	36.10	Interoute Tele	108½	- 36	..	
285	222½	34.30	Intl Greetings	260	..	2.6	14.6
179½	144½	39.10	IOC Intl	159½	+ 7	..	52.1
164½	155½	7.02	ITG Group	156½	- 3	..	..
156½	122½	12.50	Jardinerie Ints	142½		..	..
74½	62½	3.05	Jasmin	74½		..	12.3
347	290	25.30	Jennings Bros	342½	..	2.6	23.5
4¼	3	4.49	J Lewis Hlord	3¼	- ½	..	15.7
62½	50½	8.24	Jordec	51½	- 1		..
5¼	2	5.70	Just Group	3¼			..
132½	91½	50.20	KS Biomedix	118½			..
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½			
150½	122½	5.17	Lady in Leisure	124½			
132½	77½	28.30	La Senza	84½	- 1	..	
150	130	24.80	Lancashire En	135		4.1	12.9
395	340	23.40	Lawrence	355		2.7	
3450	3150	65.50	Lazare Group	3450	- 100	2.7	
376	326	62.40	Le Riches Strs	376	- 1	5.5	15.8
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼			
4	2	0.06	Life Numbrs Wts	2	..	..	
535	480	10.50	Loades	525		0.2	49.8
106½	47½	20.60	Loftus Road	51½	+ 1½	..	
12¾	6¾	2.06	Lon & Edin Publ	6¾	- ¼	4.6	5.1
75	70	1.75	London Town	70	..	2.9	13.6
119½	112½	3.69	Longbridge Intl	117½	- 2	..	16.4
87½	37½	8.92	Loox	38½	- 6		..
3¼	1½	2.60	Lotterytang	1½		..	19.2
1	0½	0.09	Lotterytang Wts	0½			
88	58	7.74	MMS Petroleum	64		..	
27½	12	7.64	Magnum Power	12	- 3		..
290½	239½	30.40	Majestic Wine	239½	- 6		10.4
19½	9½	7.80	Mans & O'seas	13		3.1	71.9
125	105	2.88	Malrix Hlthcare	125	+ 2½	6.8	14.4
13¼	10¼	4.73	Mears Group	12¾	+ ¼	2.0	11.9
93½	88½	54.10	Megalomedia	92½			51.9
86½	83½	0.93	Megalomedia Wts	85	..	..	..
67½	42½	2.98	Meflek	42½		7.4	31.4
65	33½	27.00	Memory Corp	42½	- 2½		
16½	6½	6.43	Meteor Tech	9	..	..	
15	7	0.14	Meteor Tech Wts	7		..	..
50	46	4.06	Methven's	48	- 2		
25	20	5.41	Metrodome	22			
84½	57½	4.12	Mondas	67½	+ 5		
350	200	37.10	Moorepay	350	+ 7½	1.5	43.0
112	90	7.49	Mountcashel	98½	- ½		8.6
215	169½	36.70	Mulberry Group	177½		0.5	27.7
40	9½	2.74	MultiMedia	9½			..
21	17	1.33	NECA	18		3.5	7.8
54½	47½	19.00	NMT	48½	- 1½		
72½	67½	1.94	NRP	67½		1.9	29.8
285	210	16.00	NWF Grp	210	- 5	6.4	10.8
220	190	15.10	Nash (Wm)	215	- 5	4.4	7.9
300	275	7.28	Neill Clerk	280		3.6	10.1
85½	45½	12.80	Netcall	85	+ 4½	..	
242	185½	67.80	Network Tech	210½	- 2	0.6	
80½	75	1.43	Nothomes	75	..	..	23.2
50½	30½	6.57	Nthn Petlm	35½		..	..
31½	28½	1.96	Northstar Sec	31			
10	3	0.20	Northstar Sec Wts	10			..
118½	112½	46.80	Nursing Home	118	..	6.0	18.7
167½	102½	19.10	Omnicare	162	+ 1	1.3	
10½	5½	1.35	Omnimedia	5½	- ½	..	..
97½	50½	1.81	On Line	55	+ 2½	..	..
65½	37½	22.50	Oxford Biomedica	39½	- 1		
3¾	1¾	33.60	Pacific Media	2½	- ¼		
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245	220	5.88	Park Ests(Lv)	245	..	4.7	17.9
23¾	13	9.35	Pembertons	20½	+ ½	..	..
57½	34½	5.42	Personal No Co	35			
70½	38½	19.70	Petra Diamonds	67½	..	..	..
52½	13½	0.88	Petra Dmnds Wt	52½	+ 3		
137½	75	32.00	Philippine Gd	75	- 5		..
70½	52½	13.40	Pilat Tech	62½			..
138½	97½	20.70	Polymasc Pharms	103½	- 1	..	
2¾	1½	3.28	Pordum Foods	1½	..	..	..
1½	1	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1	..	..	
22	13	10.60	Premier Ast Mgmt	19	..		66.9
3	2½	3.15	Prestbury Leis	2½		16.0	10.1
590	540	11.00	Preston Nth E	550	..	..	..
104½	102½	16.60	Primary Hlth Pr	103½	..	1.4	..
590	295	74.30	Prism Rail	295	..	..	..
127½	115½	20.80	Q Group	125	- ½		
1265	945	270.90	Ramco Eqy	1030	- 46½	0.1	..
110½	77½	11.70	Raphael Zrn	107½	..	2.3	9.7
127½	94½	18.20	Recycling Servs	112½		3.6	..
131½	106½	9.99	Reflec	131½	..		
6	4¼	3.80	Revelation Plc	6	..	1.6	8.2
45	17½	25.70	Riceman Insce	39			
80½	74½	3.87	Romtec	74½		2.6	15.0
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4½	2¾	6.58	Sira Bus Serv	3	+ ¼	2.0	21.2
1½	1	0.29	Sira Bus Wts	1½			
3¼	1¼	10.10	Snakeboard	1½	..	..	..
108½	102½	10.20	Soccer Invs	102½	- 3		
84½	80½	6.32	Solid State Sp	84½	+ 2	4.1	14.1
34½	28½	3.13	Soundtracs	31	..	3.2	18.3
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72½	65½	14.40	Southern Vectis	72½	..	3.3	15.6
268	173½	30.70	Statware	265	+ 12½	0.5	
635	427½	103.30	Stanford Rook	535	+ 37½	..	..
177½	127½	11.20	Stentor	160	+ 5½		
510	410	57.20	Surrey Fr Inns	493	- 4½	0.6	34.1
152	127	15.20	Sutton Harbour	152	..	1.0	21.7
22	8½	1.21	Syst Integ Rsch	9			..
23	18½	4.43	TDS Circuits	21		..	9.7
97½	67½	14.30	Theo Fennell	88½	+ 1		
14	9½	21.10	Thomas Potts	11¾		1.1	
32½	25½	2.01	Tom Hoskins	26½	..		..
158½	145½	23.50	Total Office	146½		4.1	9.4
595	375	29.70	TRACKER Netwk	560	- 15		
120	56	16.10	Tradepoint Fcl	75	- 20		
167	157	5.50	Trinity Care	157	- 3	4.0	
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170	..	5.5	
60½	33½	168.90	Trocadero	34	- 1	..	
40	40	3.64	Univent	40	..		21.0
397½	357½	7.16	Utd Auctions	397½	..	2.8	10.6
280	145	15.20	VDC	145		4.5	11.5
39	20¾	95.90	Versailles Grp	38	- ¼	1.3	
53	48	91.90	Victory Corp	48½	..	..	..
242½	97½	2.92	Viewinn	97½	- 15	..	..
240	220	6.58	Voss Net	235	..		..
91	51	23.80	Waterfall	88	..	..	20.9
34	27	6.24	Watermark	33	..	3.0	11.7
32	9½	12.50	Wedderburn Secs	20	..	..	..
17	1¼	0.07	Wedd Secs Wts	2		..	..
7	5	7.57	Weeks Group	5¾	+ ¼	2.8	9.6
115	75	3.12	West 175 Enter	80	..	..	..
£280	£180	13.90	West Bromwich	£190		..	29.4
12½	11½	3.89	Western Selectn	12	..	..	47.7
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	..	..	..
124½	44½	12.80	Westmount Engy	117½	- 3		..
89½	80½	4.20	Whitecross	87½			
245	181½	31.20	Whittard Chelsea	196½	..	1.5	23.4
85½	45½	10.00	W'chester M Md	85	+ 2½		
197	168	42.00	World Telecom	195	- 1	..	..
135	120	4.32	Wynnstay Props	135	..	4.3	19.3
12	9	5.36	Xavier Comp	10¼	+ ¼		..
157½	127½	6.12	Yeoman	127½	- 3		..
300	290	26.80	Zergo	295	..	..	74.1
29½	10½	2.42	Zicor Mining	10½	..	..	..

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Dresdner's party sparks outcry over Nazi past

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DRESDNER BANK, the German owner of Kleinwort Benson, has sparked a damaging dispute over its Nazi past by a high-profile celebration of its 125th anniversary.

Dresdner's critics accuse it of hushing up its substantial role in financing Hitler's war *and the building* of the concentration camps.

Protesters have threatened *to disrupt* today's festivities to celebrate the bank's anniversary, which will be attended *by Helmut Kohl, the German* Chancellor.

German financial institu*tions have become the* latest target of anti-Nazi protests after controversy over Swiss *Nazi gold. In April, Allianz,* the German insurance group, was forced to honour out*standing insurance claims* from Holocaust survivors and victims' heirs.

*There are also new allega*tions that Allianz had direct links with the Nazi government that led to it writing policies to insure building work at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Tom Bower, the British biographer who wrote a seminal work on the Nazi regime, said: "These accusations come out of Switzerland, based on German documents."

Dresdner, which bought Kleinworts for £1 billion in 1995, has been criticised in *Die Zeit* newspaper for denying its involvement in Nazi atrocities. An article *said: "History can*not be written off in the same way that bad debts are."

So close was Dresdner's relationship with the Nazis that there was a saying in Germany *during the war, "First come the* tanks, then the Dresdner Bank". Throughout the Nazi era, Dresdner was a linchpin of the military industrial complex, according to Mr Bower.

He said: "Dresdner Bank behaved badly, as did some other German banks, enriching themselves from the war. They knew full well what they were doing. They were financing war crimes and concentration camps. But Dresdner just supressed that. People in London should be aware of this, but they are not."

Dresdner was never able to fully deny its involvement with the Nazis. Karl Rasche, the wartime chairman, was convicted by the Allies at the Nuremberg trials.

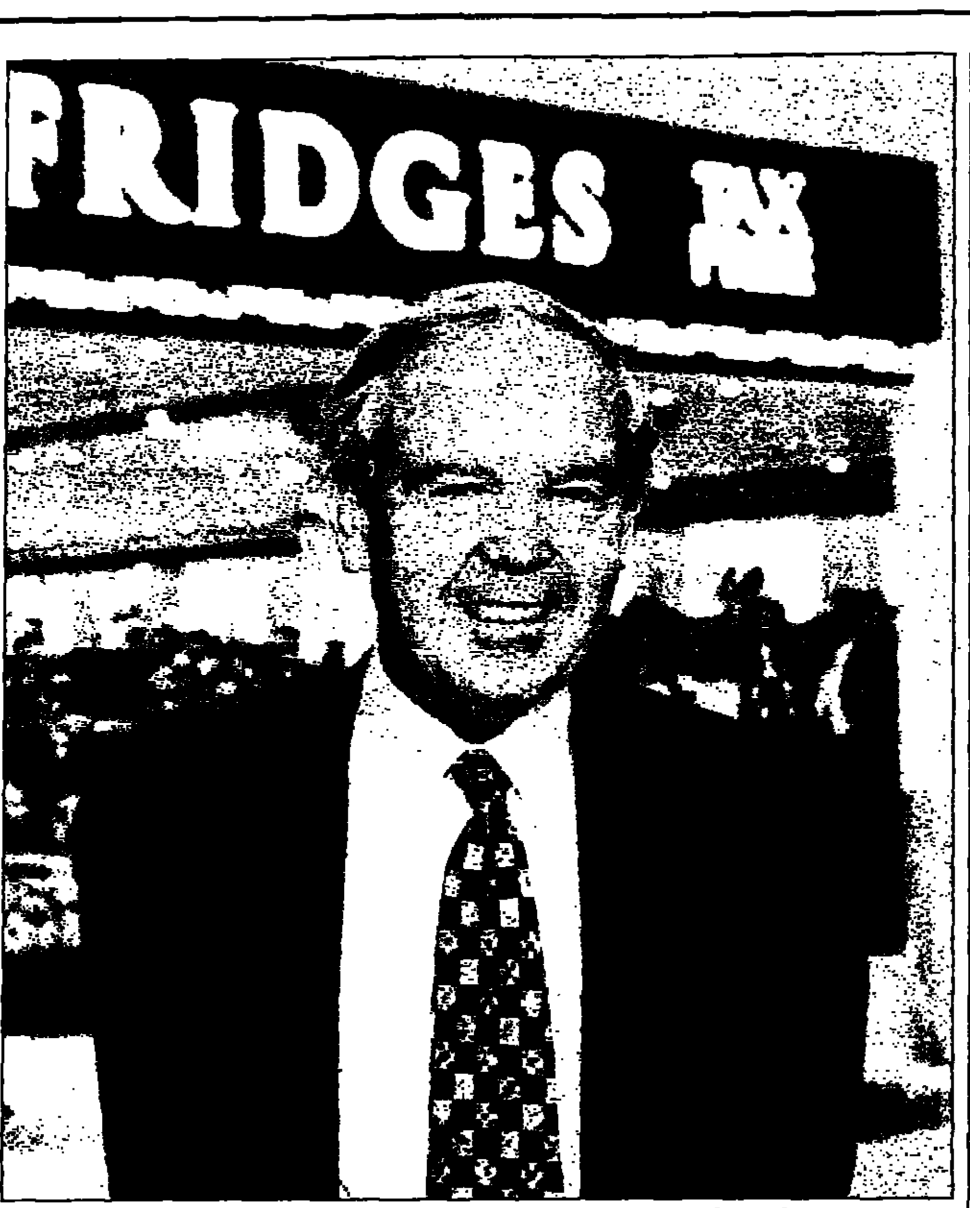
However, the bank maintains that its involvement has been exaggerated. Asked about the latest accusations, a spokesman said: "We have a *Jewish founder family*. During the Third Reich, we were forced to participate. Every company was disciplined by the SS, that was normal. It was the method of the totali*tarian system."*

The main criticism of today's Dresdner management *is that it tries to deny the* bank's guilt by shifting all the blame to the Nazi politicians. *Other equally guilty German* banks have escaped criticism by publicly showing regret.

When Deutsche Bank celebrated its 125th anniversary, two years ago, it asked an American historian to write an objective account of its Nazi past. Mr Bower said: "At least Deutsche Bank tried to indulge in an act of self-cleansing."

Insiders at Kleinwort Benson fear that the Nazi dispute could affect its business in London by association. Some of Britain's biggest companies are clients of Kleinwort Benson, including Abbey National, Cable and Wireless, Cadbury Schweppes and Storehouse. The bank has £14 billion in funds under man*agement in company pension* schemes, unit trusts and investment trusts.

At the time of the Dresdner takeover, some clients expressed concern that Dresdner's assets had been boosted by its association with the Nazis. Greville Janner, the former Labour MP and secretary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, had described the takeover as "revolting".



Sir Bob Reid is expected to set out the changes at Sears's annual meeting on June 24

Sears poised to announce boardroom shake-up

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SEARS, the struggling retail group, is to introduce sweeping board changes before the demerger of Selfridges next year. Sir Bob Reid, chairman, is expected to announce the appointment of new executive and *non-executive directors* at the company's annual meeting on June 24.

He has indicated that one or two of the current directors may also the quit the board. *Among those likely to join* is Ian Cheshire, Sears's group commercial director.

Sir Bob says he wants to increase the number of directors so there will be enough to staff the boards of both Selfridges and of what will remain of Sears after the split. The rump will include the Wallis, Miss Selfridge, Richards and Warehouse womenswear chains.

Mr Cheshire would fill the place left by Rebecca Cottrell, who resigned a fortnight ago after her job as head of British Shoe was effectively taken over by David James, the company doctor brought into *the sort out the business.*

Sears's non-executive directors have come in for sharp *criticism from some investors* for not doing enough to pass on shareholders' concerns, particularly over the strategy of Liam Strong, who resigned as chief executive in April after five controversial years.

Sears's longstanding non-executive directors are: Sir Alick Rankin, 62, the chairman of General Accident and Christian Salvesen, who was appointed to the board in 1991; David Macdonald, 60, chairman of Pittards and on the Sears board since 1981; and Lord Tebbit, 66, the former Cabinet minister, who joined Sears's board in 1987.

Sir Bob Reid, who is 63, *joined the board in April 1995* and became chairman two months later. He always gave *Mr Strong his full backing,* and came under some pressure himself to quit the company earlier this year.

The most recent addition to the board has been Alison Carnwath, 44, a senior partner at Phoenix Securities, who joined as a non-executive in September last year.

Surge in profit related pay plans

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

COMPANIES are making much greater use of profit-related pay schemes in the run-up to the loss of the associated tax benefits, new pay evidence suggests today.

Pay specialists believe that the escalating cost of the PRP schemes may lead Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to take the opportunity of his first Budget to accelerate their phasing out. The cost of tax relief on PRP schemes reached more than £1.5 billion last year. The schemes, introduced a decade ago, are already set to lose their reliefs over the next three years.

Some pay analysts are suggesting that an end to PRP schemes may add an average of 3.5 per cent to pay bills. In some cases, firms may have to top up their employees' pay by as much as 8.4 per cent. Some management consultants suggest that companies affected may press the Government for compensation.

Incomes Data Services, the independent pay analyst, says there has been an "upsurge" in companies adopting PRP *schemes in order to gain the* tax benefit. Drawing on Inland Revenue figures, IDS says *that last November there* were 14,000 PRP schemes, covering 3.7 million employees. *By this April, the number* of live schemes had risen to 14,553, covering 4.1 million employees.

IDS asks that with tax relief now costing so much, "will the new Chancellor be tempted to change the timescale of the phase-out in his Budget"?

On pay generally, IDS says that most current settlements are now for 3 to 4 per cent, with private sector deals in particular nudging ahead.

☐ Two-fifths of personnel managers are in favour of Labour's plans for the legal recog*nition of trade unions. Poll* findings for the magazine *Personnel Today*, show that pub*lic services are least opposed* to the proposals, with only 37 per cent not in favour, compared with 59 per cent *overall* among personnel chiefs.

☐ Management training and development in Britain's companies has almost doubled in the past ten years, the Institute of Management says today.

Hermès taps into a rich British vein

Fraser Nelson on the fashionable house with designs on the UK

"The world is divided into ... *those who use* money to achieve their goals and those for whom money is their goal. Our customers fall into the first category."

Jean-Louis Dumas-Hermès, philosopher-chairman of the French fashion house that bears his family name, hates to bore shareholders. The company's annual meeting is told that the customer is a social classification in itself — uncompromising, individualistic and, most importantly, rich but "not rich enough to afford to buy cheap".

As for the company it is not so much a retailer as a hunter, a musician, a horse breaking into a gallop — anything but a corporate body. As for the profits surging to £85 million and a market value approaching £2 billion, these are inci*dentals.*

Since its flotation in Paris *three years* ago, Hermès has become *one of the most* unsung success stories in European business. From joining *the* market with a £400 million valuation, it has delivered phenomenal growth with profits, more than doubling and shares surging by *more than* 550 per cent — a perfomance unrivalled in Paris by any *non-recovery stock.*

Hermès style on show

Unlike its rivals in the luxury sector, its growth has *not been achieved* by extending its reach to the top end of the mass market. Franchising stores or sub-contracting production, the traditional way to profit from fame, are anathema to M Dumas-Hermès. By keeping its products almost ridiculously inaccessible, Hermès is achieving its growth by placing itself among the ultra*rich in every corner of* the globe. At the same time it has expanded production incre*mentally, ensuring that there* are never enough of its goods to satisfy needs.

The result *is* a price *list* as renowned as the products themselves. Everything on its *shelves* is beyond the reach of anyone but the ultra-rich, with ties retailing for £70, silk scarves for £200, bags for *£2,000 and* watches for £4,000. Even those who can afford the clothes are frequently *placed on a waiting* list, with delivery often 12 months away. The harder the clothes *are to obtain, the more* desirable they become and the more famous Hermès becomes *everywhere.*

Everywhere, that is, except in Britain. Outside Kensington and *Chelsea, Hermès is* not a household name. It has a strange kind of fame; it is a legend *among those who* can afford its wares but often unknown among those who aspire to Armani and Gucci.

This has never been an issue that has cost M Dumas-Hermès much sleep; those who haven't heard of Hermès probably can't afford to shop there anyway. Its strategy is not to paint its name on inner-city buses, he says. The Hermès customer is discreetly wealthy and wants to avoid products *that are any*thing as crude as a statement.

And Hermès is finding growing numbers of these people in Britain. At last *month's* shareholder meeting, the lucky few who own the 13 per cent of shares *not* held by the Hermès family were introduced to Glasgow as one of the five cities deemed by the *company to have enough of* "our sort of customer" *to* sustain a new branch. It *ranked beside* Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Dusseldorf. Praise indeed.

The only *problem* for Hermès is finding enough reputable suppliers to pass on its goods. Its UK office explains: Hermès products cannot be sold by "just anybody". Harrods is acceptable; Hermès has a stall in the "hall of *luxury*" department, but there are few others approved to pass on the torch. Nevertheless, *the British are biting and* Hermès has designs to bring Leeds and Manchester into the fold. *To M* Dumas-Hermès, Britain's cities now contain enough of that rare species, the Hermès customer, to be placed on its map of the world's ultra-rich.

Green audits on the increase

BY FRASER NELSON

ENVIRONMENTAL reporting is being taken increasingly seriously by Britain's largest companies with one in ten of the FT-SE 100 stocks backing their report with an external audit, according to a report released today by KPMG.

A separate environmental report is produced by 79 of the FTSE 100 companies, it said, although only one in ten go as far as to have this audited. However, this is a huge advance from 1993 when only three of the largest companies produced such a report.

The survey comes the month after Shell came under fire for its reluctance to envi*ronmental policies subjected* to external scrutiny. RTZ, the mining company, faced a *shareholder protest over the* same issue in March and even the Prudential faced questions *about its environmental* reporting policy from shareholders three weeks ago.

Overall, British companies proved far less willing to produce separate reports than *their overseas competitors*, with 28 per cent taking the trouble to conduct a separate check.

US companies emerged as the most vigilant, with an average 43 per cent producing separate reports.

By sector, 75 per cent of chemical companies produced a separate report, but this level fell below 15 per cent for food, construction and financial services companies.

However, only 15 companies set quantifiable targets of environmental standards and only 16 provided shareholders with the results of previous environmental reports to allow *progress comparison.*

Companies are no longer content with assurances that *the report is "printed* on recycled paper," the report continued, instead volunteer*ing the percentage of waste in* the report's paper and that the pulp has been responsibly *farmed.*

KPMG said: "The irony is that a number of these asser*tions appear on 40-plus page* documents with lengthy print runs that use up large *amounts* of paper, chemicals and energy."

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Who will say the emperor has no clothes?

Delay of the euro project now looks a very good bet. So why are the markets so sanguine? And if it is not market pressure, what will bring about the project's demise?

Despite the superficial impression of indomitable Franco-German will conquering all, there has always been a serious problem lurking just beneath the surface. Whereas the Germans conceived the euro as a pseudo-mark, the French conception was exactly the opposite. The euro was to be broad and weak. Its very purpose was to enable Europe — and in particular France — to escape from tutelage to the mark and to permit the pursuit of a growth-oriented monetary policy.

Germany and France were like a betrothed couple who want completely different things from marriage, but who are able to avoid facing the truth by concentrating on the arrangements for the wedding. Their incompatibility was disguised by the preparedness of the last French Government to go along with the German conception in public, and the preparedness of Helmut Kohl to give succour, in private, to the idea that in the end the project would be pushed through even if it was not quite on the hard German terms.

Events of the past few weeks have blown this arrangement apart. The Socialist victory in France has brought in a government publicly committed to the French view of the euro. Simultaneously, the position of the German Government has been so weakened that it can no longer be expected to carry the day with the German public if the euro can only go ahead on French terms. The left has recently won elections in Italy, the US, Britain and France. Surely the left cannot be held off in Germany if an unpopular policy, namely monetary union, is pushed through.

The dispute over the Bundesbank's gold has only made this worse, not least by exposing to the German people the lengths to which the Government was prepared to go to keep the euro on the rails. Theo Waigel may have backed down and handed the gold to the Rhinemaidens earlier than the plot of Wagner's Ring allows, but the curse on the gold may still bring about the destruction of Chancellor Kohl's "European House".

For at just the time that the French need the Germans to be flexible they are constrained to be rigid, and at just the time that the Germans need the French to stick to agreed disciplines, they are now set to kick over the traces.

ROGER BOOTLE

In 1992, perceiving that the ERM parities were unsustainable for Britain, Italy and Spain, the markets forced them to devalue or withdraw. What stops them from killing off EMU now by launching a similar speculative attack? They may yet do exactly that. After all, in 1992 it took some time for the markets to translate logic into effective speculative action. But somehow I doubt it. The markets are still mesmerised by the argument about political will. The message of the French election seemed to be that for the euro to go ahead it would have to be broad and soft. So the markets have concluded that it will be broad and soft. Accordingly, far from picking off the weaker members of the convoy, as happened in 1992, there has been reason to buy lire, pesetas and escudos.

They could sell the franc against the mark, and a sharp fall in this rate would scupper the whole project. But the franc is not obviously overvalued against the mark, nor is the French economy out of phase with Germany's.

Arguably, speculators should sell the whole European block and buy safe-haven currencies. But which? The dollar and the pound are already looking much too high, while there are serious inhibitions regarding Japanese assets. In any case, if the euro is to be weak, we are talking about events years into the future. Is this a basis for selling currencies today?

History does not repeat itself exactly. Whereas in 1992 the markets took the lead and forced politicians to take note, this time I suspect that it will be the politicians who lead the way by announcing a delay to EMU. But what reason could they give? They could simply plead failure to meet the Maastricht criteria, but this would be humiliating, particularly for Germany. Perhaps they could drop hints to the markets and hope that they would again present a *fait accompli*. Yet this would show Europe's political leaders as mere corks tossed around on the markets' stormy seas.

I have an alternative, face-saving suggestion. Blame it on the computers. It is not clear that the Target settlement system will operate smoothly in time. Meanwhile, the computer software industry is fully taken up with the problems presented by the millennium timebomb and spokesmen gave warning last week that it may not simultaneously be able to cope with the problems thrown up by monetary union.

This is how it would work. Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac call a press conference and issue a joint statement. "We are absolutely committed to the euro. No one should be in any doubt that it will happen. But precisely because the euro is so important it is vital that it should be set up properly. Due to technical circumstances completely beyond our control, it is impossible for EMU to proceed safely in 1999." Then the fun and games would start.

Regulator could force Railtrack to make changes

By Carl Mortished

RAILTRACK'S lucrative performance payments could soon come under attack from both the Rail Regulator and train operators under little-known provisions of the track access agreements.

John Swift, Railtrack's regulator, who last week criticised the company for costing the industry too much and for failing to meet its investment obligations, has extraordinary powers that could be used to deliver mid-term changes to the regulatory regime.

Industry experts point to the sweeping and unilateral power the regulator has under the Track Access Conditions, the rules that govern operations between Railtrack and the train operators. If the regulator reasonably believes change is necessary, he is entitled to alter any aspect of the conditions, including the network, timetabling or even investment spending.

John Swift has range of regulatory powers available

Certain train operating companies (TOCs) are believed to be considering private challenges to the performance regime, which benefited Railtrack by £87 million. The incentive regime rewards Railtrack to the extent that it reduces train delays and is governed by private contracts between Railtrack and the TOCs. Certain TOCs are said to be furious that the targets are too low.

However, they may have a remedy as the contracts provide for arbitration in the event that a TOC seeks a change to its access rights that is refused by Railtrack. Experts believe that the wording is sufficiently wide to permit a TOC to challenge the performance regime.

Mr Swift has considerable powers to influence the arbitration. He has ultimate authority in approving the arbitrator's decision and sets the criteria on which the arbitrator's decision is made. He is unlikely to move immediately to unilateral action but will put pressure on Railtrack to accept big changes on completion of the early review of the company, which he kicked off last Thursday. Mr Swift is discussing a licence modification that would give the regulator more influence over Railtrack's investment programme.

Chris Bolt, director of economic regulation at the Office of Rail Regulation, said the regulator would look at the overall performance regime. "If we feel the balance is wrong, we can suggest how we wish to change it. It would be open to Railtrack to accept change and avoid a difficult review in 2001."

However, Mr Swift has no need to wait to 2001. If Railtrack refuses to budge, he can refer the matter to the MMC to determine whether the licence changes are in the public interest.

Internet puts billions of pounds of tax at risk

By Robert Bruce

THE Inland Revenue has been warned that it risks the loss of billions of pounds of tax because of the growth of international computer trading.

The problems were highlighted by John Andrews, president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, at a weekend conference. He urged early action and said the institute was willing to help the Inland Revenue to identify measures to curb the potential losses.

Mr Andrews highlighted the threat to tax revenues as the Internet and other methods of electronic trading took off. As an example, he said a loss of personal taxation could occur when software was bought over the Internet from a tax haven, such as Bermuda, thus avoiding VAT. And, he said, commodities could be bought and sold in cyberspace to avoid corporation tax.

Future tax revenues, Mr Andrews suggested, could be siphoned off to other countries or not paid at all. It could make the Inland Revenue's "spend to save" initiative to raise £7 billion fighting tax avoidance look like a drop in the ocean.

Mr Andrews said that the Government, the Revenue and taxation professionals must anticipate what was likely to happen in order to avoid a massive leakage of tax.

LCR invites £800m bids for tunnel work

By Our Business Staff

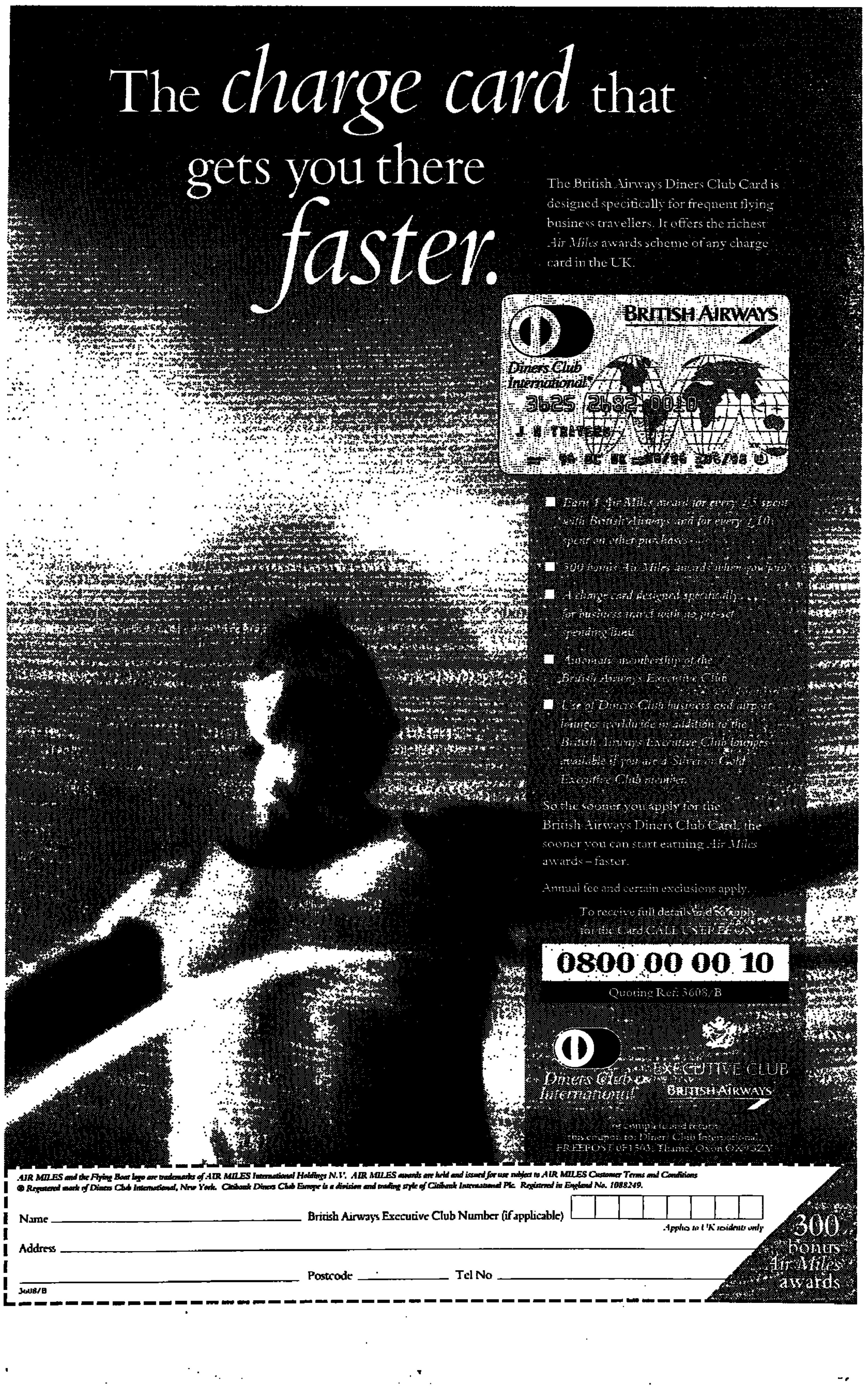
LONDON & Continental Railways, the company that is to develop the Channel Tunnel rail link, is inviting tenders for £800 million of tunnelling work.

It has already received the first bid for the largest contract, the £300 million station box in Stratford, east London, and the ten-kilometre twin tunnels between Islington and Barking. LCR expects to announce the first contractor for the main tunnelling work by the end of the summer.

Preparatory engineering work has now finally started on the 68-mile rail link, which has suffered long delays because of disputes over the route. Union Railways, a division of LCR, has begun work near Gravesend in Kent that will divert utility cables under the A2 trunk road, thus clearing the area for the rail link. This should enable construction to commence next year.

Adam Mills, LCR's chief executive, said the link should cut journey times to Paris and Brussels by 35 minutes, and will also shorten commuter travelling times.

LCR is owned by a consortium that includes Virgin, National Express Group, SBC Warburg and London Electricity. It won the contract to build the rail link and run the Eurostar train service last year.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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39

TENNY

(a) Or *tenné*. Tawny as a heraldic colour. Variously described as orange-brown or bright chestnut. In engraving represented by diagonal lines from sinister to dexter, crossed by others, according to some authors, vertically, according to others, horizontally. From the obsolete Frence *tenné*, a variant of *tanné*, tawny. "The Fess Tenny which iz a cooler betokening dout & suspition."

UNCAUTELOUS

(b) Incautious, unwary. Evelyn, *Numism*, 1697: "Those of Savoy, Swisserland, and many parts of Germany, which abound in Foxes, etc., are the dullest, simplest, and most uncautelous of all their Neighbours."

UPANISHAD

(b) In Sanskrit literature, one or other of various speculative treatises chiefly dealing with the Deity, creation, and existence, and forming a division of the Vedic literature. From the Sanskrit *upa* near to + *ni-shad* to sit or lie down. "Dárá became a student of Sanskrit, and translated the Upanishads into Persian in the year 1657."

TROCO

(c) A kind of primitive lawn-billiards, apparently altered from the Italian "*trucco* a billard-board, also the play at billiards" Florio, 1611. "Troco, an old English game revived, formerly known as lawn-billiards. It is played on a lawn with wooden balls and a cue ending in a spoon-shaped iron projection."

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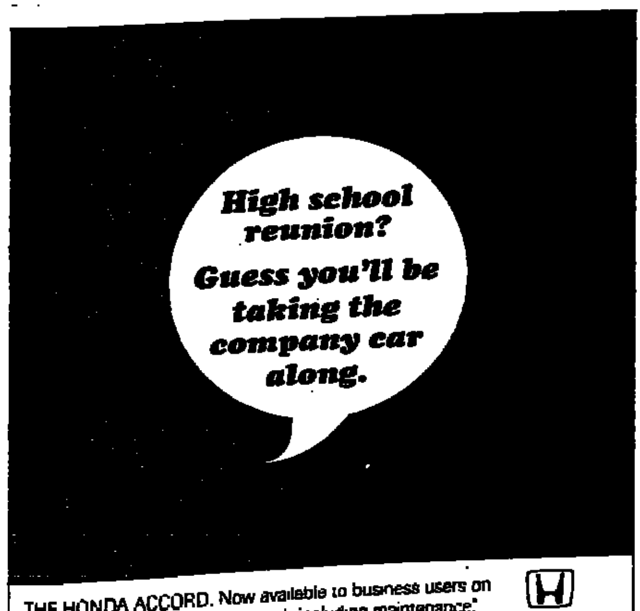
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Exchange index	99.6 (+0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share	2983.5 (+12.0)
FTSE 100	4645.0 (+23.7)
New York Dow Jones	7435.78 (+104.74)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge	20485.75 (+416.94)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.07
Austria Sch ...	20.72	19.17
Belgium Fr ...	60.97	56.33
Canada $	2.359	2.184
Cyprus Cyp£	0.878	0.811
Denmark Kr ..	11.25	10.42
Finland Mkk ..	8.86	8.26
France Fr	9.82	9.20
Germany Dm	2.97	2.74
Greece Dr	473	436
Hong Kong $	13.30	12.17
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.06
Israel Shk	5.87	5.22
Italy Lira	2930	2708
Japan Yen	201.80	185.40
Malta	0.660	0.604
Netherlds Gld	3.344	3.066
New Zealand $	2.51	2.28
Norway Kr	12.21	11.33
Portugal Esc ...	295.50	275.00
S Africa Rd	7.96	7.05
Spain Pta	248.50	231.00
Sweden Kr	13.37	12.34
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.30
Turkey Lira	241820	223275
USA $	1.720	1.587

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

Browsing in a Waterstone's store. The bookseller is opening a 28,000 sq ft branch in Glasgow, emulating a US trend towards large retail outlets

Publish, and be damned if your marketing is wrong

Martin Waller looks at the challenges confronting the book industry in a cut-throat retail environment

There were 101,504 new books published in the UK last year — almost one title for every 500 head of population. Sadly, millions of those people will not have bought a book. Millions more will have read the Jeffrey Archers, the John Grishams, the Stephen Kings and their ilk — and not much else.

At the other end of the popularity range are books that must struggle to reach even 500 readers. Most industry-watchers say that Britain is producing too many titles, and that the 100,000-strong total will have to fall — even if not many in publishing are keen to admit it.

But the odd fact is that the number of new titles has been rising rapidly and at a surprisingly steady rate. In 1991 the total was 67,704: two years later it had risen to 82,322, and in 1995 it reached 95,064. Tim Godfray, chief executive of the Booksellers Association, says: "I would be surprised if next year we don't see an even higher figure."

The growth is partly explained by technical reasons. The industry's own tracking is more efficient so fewer small titles evade the records. Desktop publishing has given the technological ability to create a small-circulation title to an increasing number of businesses. And academic and professional titles have seen a particular boom, because of the creation of more university places and the impact of the National Curriculum. The rate of growth this sector of the market is enjoying outstrips that of ordinary consumer titles.

But there are reasons for supposing that life in the longer term will become more difficult for traditional book publishing. The industry has already seen a wave of mergers in recent years, such as the one that created Hodder Headline in 1993. Publishers, already having to adapt to a more commercial world, face being caught between two increasingly powerful lobbies: the bestselling authors on whom they depend and the rapidly consolidating book retailers.

A recent study from Corporate Intelligence on Retailing, the specialist consultancy, suggested that WH Smith, together with its Waterstone's chain, handles a quarter of all book sales. Book clubs take out a further 16 per cent, and the specialist shops probably account for less than a quarter. The figures are not trusted by all in the industry, but they illustrate a trend — apparent in any high street — towards consolidation of retail space into the hands of a powerful few.

This follows the pattern in the US where the predominance of huge chains such as Barnes & Noble have allowed them to squeeze the publishers. The US chains are particularly ruthless with their sale-or-return policies, which allow unsold books to be sent back not paid for. The paradox has been that more retail shelf space, in the book megastores built by the big chains, has not been to the advantage of the publishing industry.

The probability is that this trend, exemplified by the 28,000 sq ft store being opened by Waterstone's in Glasgow, will spread to the UK. So, too, might Barnes & Noble and other big US booksellers, if industry rumour is to be believed. "I would be most surprised if they haven't been looking very seriously at the possibility," Mr Godfray says.

Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, thinks that while the publishers may be over the worst of their recent problems, the investment by retailers in new stores having come after two years of damaging destocking, the longer-term problems are still there. "Too many books being printed are not profitable. There will be a consolidation of the market from both ends — fewer titles being published and a concentration on those that sell." He believes the balance of power is shifting — there are fewer authors selling in sufficiently high numbers to be profitable. "Those authors, if they don't get the advances they want, will go to another publisher," he says, pointing to the scramble for Jackie Collins and Martin Amis when they changed publishing houses. "Meanwhile, there is additional power in the hands of fewer, larger retail groups around which the market is consolidating," he says. "The poor old publisher is stuck in the middle."

Mr Godfray says the expansion of retail space would seem to be to the advantage of all publishers. But such heavy investment requires a good rate of return — "concentrating on books that will sell rather than on the cultural aspect". He adds: "Some smaller publishers might find it a bit difficult to get some of their titles displayed."

Alan Giles, managing director at Waterstone's, says his company would not be making investments like the Glasgow store if he did not have faith in the publishing industry. "With 100,000 books published every year, unless someone is investing in new retail space, I don't think that does the public or the writers any favours."

He rejects the suggestion that the pattern in the US will necessarily be repeated here. The US market is four times the size of that in Britain, but the increase in retail space is proportionately much higher. "I don't think there is the level of excess capacity over here. Of course, my previous job was in DIY retail — I know the dangers of that." Mr Giles says.

His belief, and it is a view confirmed from US experience, is that new bookstores, if properly run, actually increase the market. Encourage browsers, persuade people to spend time in the stores by putting in coffee bars and the like — the Americans have even gone as far as organising singles nights — and you should also persuade people to buy more books. "If we put in 150,000 books in the one store, we can actually grow the market at the expense of other forms of discretionary spending," he says. But he admits that with one million books in print in Britain, even a store the size of the one in Glasgow can only hope to hold 15 per cent of all those titles.

Whatever the conflicting forecasts, the situation is not entirely black for the publishers. The end of the Net Book Agreement, which used to guarantee a price at which the retailer had to sell, has not led to the bloodbath among publishers that had been feared, says Mr de Larrinaga. But it has hastened the consolidation of the retail market by allowing the big chains to discount harder than the small independents.

To survive, publishers will simply have to become more efficient at what is, after all, their main task, the finding and nurturing of new talent, he says. "The job of publisher is to identify second-tier authors and market them successfully, rather than just chucking out title after title in the vain hope of making a profit on the one title in 20 that will support 19 others."

A bookstore in Denver, Colorado, where the service includes coffee and an information desk

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TELEVISION CHOICE

It's started and it's finished

Mastermind
BBC1, 7.30pm

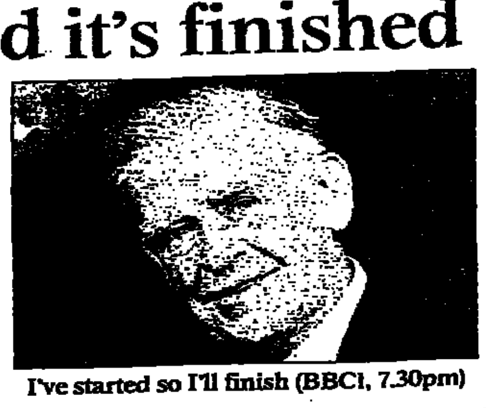
The last run of *Mastermind* was a scheduling shambles, interrupted by football, switched from one night to another and generally starting as if it never meant to finish. No wonder that viewing figures dropped off, soon followed by the decision to kill the show entirely. After that is, this 25th and final series. But if the BBC no longer has its heart in the matter this is still one of the best quiz formats, intelligent as well as gripping. Perhaps, as happened with *University Challenge*, it will eventually be dusted off and revived. Meanwhile, Formula One motor racing, the Russian Revolution of 1917, the life and works of Roald Dahl and (would you believe it?) anorexia nervosa are tonight's special subjects as the first four contestants set off on the 1997 trail.

The Peter Principle
BBC1, 8.30pm

So many new sitcoms recently have promised more than they have delivered that you have to be cautious. But the second episode of *The Peter Principle* is every bit as funny as the first, if not more so, suggesting that at last there is a shining exception to the generally dismal standard of the genre. It is difficult to remember the farce format, on which the show hangs, being used so effectively since the great *Fawlty Towers*. The jokes are good in themselves but all the more successful because they arise from the meticulous plotting. In tonight's script, a fitness campaign at the bank, a presentation to a long-serving cleaner and the abrupt death of a customer, form three plot strands which meld beautifully into one. Jim Broadbent's cringing manager already has the makings of a memorable comic creation.

The Good Life
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The second part of Malcolm Brinkworth's documentary about people who have abandoned the town for the country, revisits the couples we met last week and introduces Ian and Tony, two former airline stewards who take a pub in the Cotswolds. What with discos, karaoke nights and parties attracting up to 600 people they soon have the place humming. The council estate locals love it, but the more recent middle-class arrivals are horrified. The stay of Ian and Tony proves to be shorter than the film's other subjects. Roger, the former IBM executive, and his actress wife are still working all hours on their farm, while Alan and Karen struggle to break even with their goats' cheese business. As for the Nashes, Murray may have left city stress behind him but his bad back is no better, money is short and his wife is on the edge of a nervous breakdown.



I've started so I'll finish (BBC1, 7.30pm)

Bramwell
ITV, 9.00pm

Jemma Redgrave's Eleanor leaves the East End for the countryside, to mend her broken heart. Lucy Gannon's script ensures that she does not. Hardly has she settled in with her friends than they are gathered around the piano singing about a spurned lover. Nor is Eleanor destined to have a break from medicine. She finds herself having to cope with measles in the village school and a pregnant 15-year-old who has incurred the full weight of moral disapproval. In short Gannon maintains the standard of the series for busy plots laced with social comment and not afraid (this is, after all, the Victorian period) to spill over into melodrama and sentimentality. Eleanor may be headstrong and obsessive but her heart, broken or not, is made of gold and unlike those around her she is no hypocrite. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

The Monday Play: Fatherland
Radio 4, 7.45pm

This is a riveting adaptation of Robert Harris's best-selling novel. The drama is compelling from its opening sequence, which has a classic BBC voice reading the weather forecast and expressing the hope that the rain will not mar celebrations of the Führer's birthday. The play assumes that Hitler won the Second World War and, in 1964, is at the helm of the dominant power in Europe. King Edward and Queen Wallis are the puppet rulers of Britain. Churchill lives in exile in Canada, Jack Kennedy is heading for a second term as American President. But *Fatherland* is at root a detective story, in which a Berlin police officer, investigating a murder, uncovers the Holocaust. The adaptation is by John Dryden, who also directs.

The Man in the Elephant Mask
Radio 4, 2.00pm (FM only)

The first in a two-part play about the life of John Merrick, the Elephant Man, which is not only an interesting drama but is somehow more comfortable on radio. In making that admission I call in aid Peter Wolf, who wrote the play, and who says that, in screen versions, Merrick's appearance "had presented a real barrier to the audience empathising with him. Radio immediately and uniquely dissolves this barrier". Quite so. Wolf suffers from ME and understands from his own experience some of what Merrick suffered. Of course the notion that anyone so badly disfigured would be put on display in freak shows, as Merrick was, is unthinkable now, though appearance still matters more than it should. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session. Includes an interview with Radiohead **8.30** Live Music Update with Briggy Smale **8.40** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Claire Sturgess **1.00** Charlie Jordan **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.00** Chris Serle **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock **9.00** Big Band Special **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester includes Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday with Mair, includes at **12.45pm** Moneycheck with Paul Lewis **2.00** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Diff'rent Strokes. Pat Murphy talks to the Somerset coach Dermot Reeve (3/4) **8.00** Parkinson on Sport **9.00** Tales of the Turf **9.30** Working to be Famous **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Twists of Nature **7.30** Omnibus **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Your Debate **10.05** Business **10.15** Visions of Reality **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Omnibus **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Pop Science **4.05** Sports Roundup **4.15** On Your Behalf **4.30** Hot New Country **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Seven Days **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Counterpoint **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Danger Squad **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Keep to the Path Through Europe **1.45** Britain **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** A Private View **3.30** On Screen **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Stenhammar (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Stanford (Clarinet Sonata, Op 129) **8.00** Concert. Sibelius (Karelia Suite); Grieg (Piano Sonata in E minor); Stenhammar (Serenade, Overture, Nocturne and Finale); Dag Wiren (Serenade for Strings, March); Nielsen (Symphony No 4, The Inextinguishable) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 2, London); Purcell (*My Heart is Inditing*)
9.00 Morning Collection. Peter Hobday continues a survey of the Mozart piano sonatas
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Kirsteen McCue. Includes Britten (Simple Symphony); Janacek (*From the House of the Brabbins*)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Ravel
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Imogen Cooper, piano. Haydn (*Piano Sonata in C*); Schubert (Piano Sonata in D)
2.05 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Martyn Brabbins. With Janice Watson, soprano, Kate Carney, mezzo, Leeds Philharmonic Chorus. Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsaire); Debussy (Prélude à l'Aprés-Midi d'un Faune); Fauré (Cantique de Jean Racine); Poulenc (Gloria); Duruflé (Requiem)
3.45 Jazz à la Lee. Mel Hill discusses the way Peggy Lee broke away from the stereotypical notion of a female singer to collaborate on equal terms with figures such as Duke Ellington and Walt Disney
4.15 Music Restored (r)
5.00 The Music Machine: Music at the Globe. Verity Sharp goes behind the scenes at the Globe to find out about the place of music in theatre
5.15 In Tune. Includes Borodin (Overture, Prince Igor); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B flat)
7.30 Chamber Orchestra of Europe, under Bernard Haitink. Live from the Barbican in London. With Michelle de Young, soprano. Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D, K385, Haffner); Wagner, orch Motti (*Wesendonk Lieder*) **8.15** Wind of Change (r) **8.35** Concert, part two. Brahms (Serenade No 1 in D)
9.35 In Translation. In the first of a new series of readings of fiction from around the world, David Suchet reads *Fragments* by Binjamin Wilkomirski, translated from the German by Carol Brown
10.00 Voices. Celebrates Brahms's centenary
10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
11.30 Composer of the Week: Dvořák Abroad (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Dave Gelly
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** Letters from Over Here
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg and guests
10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM). Steve Jacobi followed the English cricket team to Zimbabwe
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.00-1.00pm To be announced **(LW)**
11.30 Money Box (FM), with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Brain of Britain 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
1.40 To be announced **(LW)**
2.00 News; (FM) The Man in the Elephant Mask. See Choice
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Russell Davies
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker talks to the guitarist Ry Cooder
4.45 Short Story: Secret Lunches
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. A new series begins its 25th anniversary year (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Fatherland. See Choice
9.45 A Cry in the Dark. Joanna Pinnock goes on a nighttime tour of the Masai Mara
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sandy Bottom Orchestra, by Garrison Keillor and Jenny Lind Nilsson (1/10)
11.00 Ballad of the Sad Cafes (2/4) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW), with David Walter
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
11.30 Firefly Summer (FM), by Maeve Binchy (5/6) (r)
12.00 News (FM) incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: The Information (7/15)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Magical makeovers and pottering about

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

The makeover has become a staple part of daytime television. Take an ordinary person — a plain, downtrodden one will do — apply the skills of hair-stylist, make-up artist and fashion editor and *voilà*! Ordinary person becomes glamorous, immortal being. The studio audience cheers and we think: "I'd like a makeover." Transformation television is addictive.

Now, however, makeovers have have made it to mainstream drama, resulting in large numbers of actresses of a certain age jogging through the countryside with cushions strapped to their hips and stomachs. At the appropriate moment the director shouts "cut", the strings tying the padding on duly are, and the panting woman who staggered through episodes one and two suddenly becomes a slim and lovely sex goddess. This being drama, there is no studio audience to cheer, so the husband has to do a lot of open-mouthed "what the . . ?" acting.

Billie Whitelaw has already been through her transformation in **Born to Run** (BBC1) and is being closely followed by Marian McLoughlin, who plays the definitively downtrodden Bron. Last night Bron completed her first five-mile road race and, with the help of the faithful Eddie (John McArdle), is thinking of stepping up to eight. In **The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous** (ITV, Friday) Marigold (Gilly Coman) discovered that six miles would probably do — as long as the fair Lysander (Stephen Billington) was around to check her aerobic capacity every now and again.

What the two series have in common — apart from a lot of new lingerie — is the idea that through this transformation comes empowerment. The slimmed-down Marigold can choose whether she stays with her errant husband (Nicholas Ball), while the newly rapacious Lili (Whitelaw), who at 65 has just discovered orgasms, can turn the tables on her ghastly husband, Burke (Terence Rigby). Last night he emerged from his coma, but already he has the look of a man who wishes he hadn't.

But what, predictably, separates the two series is the different ways in which this common point is made. With the ITV adaptation staying devotedly loyal to both the letter and the spirit of Jilly Cooper's novel, any serious points are enjoyably obscured by bosoms, dogs and a male cast prettier than its women. Which is why it's heaven-sent for weary Friday nights.

Debbie Horsfield, however, the writer of *Born to Run*, has Sunday nights and a five-star cast to work with. With the latter she enjoys a symbiotic relationship: she creates wonderful characters and dialogue for them and they rescue her on the rare occasions when her familiar brand of stylised humour threatens to become strained.

Last night she tossed in a further delicious complication by making Judith (Linda Henry) pregnant. So, while Byron's wife and mother shed pounds and gained admirers, his mistress (symbolically a keep-fit fanatic) was bravely facing up to a future of stretch-marks and varicose veins. Transformation, you see, works both ways: one way it's a miracle, the other it's life. As the doomed Byron (Keith Allen) put it: "We didn't start off wearing winceyette and Y-fronts, you know."

Juliet Stevenson is an actress blessed with an inbuilt makeover machine. One second she is the plainest Jane — or in this case Jean — you've ever seen, the next, almost breathtakingly beautiful. That said, there were precious few of the latter moments in **Stone, Scissors, Paper** (BBC2, Saturday) with Stevenson even inventing a special downtrodden shuffle for the dowdy Jean, a woman trying to escape from a violent husband but fated not find to happiness with the superficially nicer Redfern (Ken Stott). Well, what do you expect on BBC2 — happy endings?

Richard Cameron won the BBC Dennis Potter Film of the Year Award for his screenplay, but it was impossible to know whether this was because he'd deliberately inserted one or two Potterisms to help the judges to reach a decision or whether these were inserted later as acknowledgement that there is influence after death.

Had he lived longer, Potter may well have got round to using *Tie a Yellow Ribbon* in one of his own musically punctuated productions. But even if he hadn't, he'd have enjoyed the creative use of *Halfway to Paradise, I Got You Babe*, and *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* (the order, you appreciate, is crucial): recognised the power of Hannah, the stroke victim who heard and knew everything but could say nothing, and probably sued over the final shot. As Redfern sat in the wood, sorting through a box of childhood memories, a camera mounted on a crane soared into the air, breaking through the leafy tree canopy to reveal the bend of a river far below. As John Keane's beautiful music began, I swear I heard the sound of a detective singing.

Stevenson and Stott were splendid as Jean and Redfern (the latter who really should have been at home with his wife), while Cameron's screenplay was an absorbing exploration of guilt and misunderstanding, marred only slightly by an over-leisurely pace and one plot device (Redfern mistakenly confessing his obsession to a friend who actually knew nothing about it) which has become rather commonplace.

Finally, the initially excellent and still very promising **Jonathan Creek** (BBC1, Saturday) signed off with an episode suffering from an excess of comedians (Alan Davies and Caroline Quentin are sufficient), an abundance of house-trained primates and a surfeit of laboured humour. Restraint might be needed for series two.

BBC 1

6.00am Business Breakfast (77731)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (89489)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5895644)

9.20 Cheggers' Challenge (3714828)

9.45 Kilroy (9244335)

10.25 Who'll Do the Pudding? The team prepares a sumptuous meal using ingredients found on the supermarket delicatessen counter (8343016)

10.45 News (T) and weather (6778286)

10.50 Progamme rescheduling to be announced today as a result of yesterday's early result in the cricket Test at Edgbaston.

12.35pm Neighbours (r) (T) (4852422)

1.00 News (T) and weather (59248)

1.30 Regional News (15916793)

1.40 Progamme rescheduling to be announced today as a result of yesterday's early result in the cricket Test

4.00 Popeye (6832575) **4.10** Casper (9171538) **4.35** 50/50 (6147002) **5.00** Newsround (8869915) **5.10** Blue Peter (7526118)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (653915)

6.00 News (T) and weather (538)

6.30 Regional News (118)

7.00 Big Break Jim Davidson hosts the hot-potting snooker game, with guests Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins, Ray Reardon and David Roe demonstrating their skills on the green baize (T) (7064)

7.30 CHOICE **Mastermind** Four fearless contestants take to the black chair to answer questions on Formula One since 1970, the life and works of Roald Dahl, anorexia nervosa and the Russian revolutions of 1917. Quizmaster Magnus Magnusson hosts the first of 13 programmes in the final series from The Great Hall at Blenheim Palace (T) (642)

8.00 EastEnders Mark makes a decision about his future, while Lorraine is surprised to find certain matters being taken out of her hands altogether (T) (6712)

8.30 CHOICE **The Peter Principle** (2/6) The bank launches a new staff health initiative, to the alarm of Peter. Comedy, with Jim Broadbent and Claire Skinner (T) (5847)

9.00 News (T) and weather (4199)

9.30 Birds of a Feather The waiting is over for Tracey as (the new) Darryl is released from prison (T) (55847)

10.00 Panorama: Yesterday's Men Charting the events which led to the Tories worst election defeat since 1832 (T) (931625)

10.40 Stephen King's It Two-part adaptation of the bestselling novel about seven friends forced into a terrifying confrontation with a supernatural enemy. With Tim Curry, Richard Thomas, John Ritter and Olivia Hussey. Concludes on Wednesday (T) (6661644)

12.15am Billy Two Hats (1973) Bizarre western, focusing on the friendship that develops between elderly Scottish crook, Gregory Peck, and young half-breed Indian, Desi Arnaz Jnr, as they prepare to rob a bank together. Directed by Ted Kotcheff (330316) FILM

1.50 Weather (6872768)

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BBC 2

6.00am O U: *A Hard Act to Follow* (3483354) **6.25** The Write to Choose (T) (3402489) **6.50** A University Without Walls (7403118) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (T) (1112199)

7.30 Teenage Turtles (r) (T) (6020793) **7.55** Blue Peter (r) (T) (2212354) **8.20** Bump (r) (8255441) **8.25** Open a Door (r) (1689625) **8.35** Raccoons (r) (2862170)

9.00 TV6 (26847) **9.30** Job Bank (4389267) **9.45** Watch Out (4377422) **10.00** Teletubbies (r) (27151) **10.30** The Geography Programme (9148354) **10.50** Look and Read Special (9168118) **11.10** Zig Zag (5476170) **11.30** Marsalis on Music (7663286)

12.35pm Schedule to be changed after early cricket result yesterday.

1.00 Lifeschool Extra (23329248) **1.25** Landmarks (90071731) **1.45** Storytime (15926170) **2.00** Bump (64482034) **2.05** Open a Door (65832575)

2.10 The Angry Silence (1960) with Richard Attenborough, Michael Craig and Pier Angeli. Gritty drama about the sensational effects on a man's public and private life following his decision not to join his workmates' unofficial strike. Directed by Guy Green (928170) FILM

3.55 News (T) and weather (3298793)

4.00 Schedules to be announced following the early result in the cricket Test yesterday.

6.25 Space Precinct Last in series (r) (T) (657538)

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show Cult animation (r) (T) (355644)

7.30 Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide Top Gear's Quentin Willson gets to grips with the latest laptop computer and navigation software (T) (644)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport World Rally championship from Argentina (T) (4354)

8.30 Being There An intimate study of winter wildlife (r) (3489)

9.00 The Vicar of Dibley *The Songs of Praise* crew visits Dibley to record a programme in the village church (r) (T) (3489)

Chris Yates fishes for carp (9.30pm)

9.30 Tales from the Riverbank Fisherman Chris Yates ponders the lengths some anglers will go to, in order to reel in the carp (T) (53489)

10.00 Game On Matt goes out of his way to make sure Martin's break-up with Clare is as painful as possible (r) (T) (97052)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (908557)

11.15 Cricket Highlights (226625) **11.55** Weather (756606) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (45942)

12.30am Learning Zone: O U: Scientific Community in 17th-Century England (95403) **1.00** *Santo Spirito* (96749) **1.30** Matisse and the Problem of Expression (35126) **2.00** Teaching Today (89107) **4.00** Italia 2000 (55565) **4.30** Royal Institute Discourse (33132) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (46671)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9667731)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (3722847)

9.55 Regional News (T) (4409880)

10.00 The Time, the Place (21977)

10.30 This Morning (65853460)

12.20pm Regional News (1885286)

12.30 News (T) and weather (4888847)

12.55 The Pulse (T) (4863538) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (90066809) **1.50** Side Effects (r) (31420064) **2.20** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (1/2) (T) (5433460)

3.20 News (T) (3031644)

3.25 Regional News (3030915)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (3841002) **3.40** Tots TV (r) (8797083) **3.50** Cartoon Time (3293248) **3.55** Where's Wally (r) (T) (7245847) **4.25** Wool! (r) (T) (9194489) **4.50** The Big Bang (T) (4624335)

5.10 World of Wonder (r) (8756712)

5.40 News (T) and weather (896793)

5.57 Pollen Count (200688)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (200688)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (344118)

6.25 HTV Weather (683644)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (286)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune (T) (5460)

7.30 Coronation Street Jack makes a final bid to save the Rovers (T) (170)

8.00 World in Action: Profit Before Principle The concluding report on Britain's commercial links with Indonesia's dictatorship (T) (1880)

8.30 Turner Round the World Anthea Turner reports live from a mystery location, where a trip of a lifetime is waiting to be won. With guests Wet Wet Wet (1165)

Eleanor is comforted by Isobel (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Bramwell** Period medical drama with Jemma Redgrave and Joanna Roth (T) (8286)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (97098)

10.30 Regional News (T) (382625)

10.39 Pollen Count (666199)

10.40 West of England Business Awards 1997 The first of three programmes featuring regional companies competing for the title. Tonight's competitors are Relyon Beds, Bryman Airways and BCH Contract Hire (285118)

11.15 Three for the Road (1987) Comic road movie with Charlie Sheen, Kerri Green and Alan Ruck. Directed by B.W.L. Norton (936915) FILM

12.4am Tom Horn (1980) with Steve McQueen, Richard Farnsworth and Linda Evans. McQueen in his penultimate screen role as the legendary Wild West hero. Directed by William Ward (774381) FILM

2.30 Club Nation (r) (T) (19710) **3.30** God's Gift (r) (18855) **4.30** World in Action (r) (T) (33328) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (73300) **5.30** News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4863538)

1.50 Blue Heelers (5317460)

2.45 Breakaways (2687248)

2.50-3.20 High Road (2563915)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8756712)

6.25-7.00 Central News (938915)

10.40 Film: Strangers (74649083)

12.20am Sound Bites (8322497)

12.40 War of the Worlds (7032720)

1.35 Late and Loud (4685316)

2.40 The Highway Patrol (2756045)

3.05 Film: Thrill Kill (3100381)

4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (8085213)

5.20 Asian Eye (4489381)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (1885286)

12.55 Home and Away (4863538)

1.25 High Road (23324793)

1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5316731)

2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (2563915)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8756712)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (38170)

10.30 Westcountry News (373977)

10.45 The View from Here (459606)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (325460)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4863538)

1.50 At Home with Maggie Philbin (31420064)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5433460)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8756712)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (606)

6.30-7.00 Summer Getaways (286)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (373977)

10.45 The Pier (819828)

11.10 The Listings (708809)

11.15 Go Fishing (326828)

11.45 Swift Justice (682267)

5.00am Freescreen (73300)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (4863538)

1.50 Blue Heelers (5308712)

2.50-3.20 Crawshaw Paints (2563915)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8756712)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (938915)

10.40 Cross Question (473286)

11.40 Highlander (325460)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (60441) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (72199) **9.00 Bewitched** (11915) **9.30 Ysgolion** (322915) **12.00 Members Only** (91151) **12.30pm Montel Williams** (28793) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (10567083) **1.15 Smot y Ci** (45790151) **1.25 Film: The Snows of Kilimanjaro** (24038002) **3.30 Collectors' Lot** (444) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (199) **4.30 Animal Passions** (593) **5.00 5 Pump** (8852625) **5.10 Ffeil** (3766064) **5.30 Countdown** (335) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (396606) **6.05 Heno** (322996) **6.35 Sion a Sian** (667606) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (959557) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (280444) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (9422) **8.30 Newyddion** (8557) **9.00 O Flaen Dy Lygaid: Fy Mam Go Iawn** (6828) **10.00 Sgorio** (9915) **11.00 Planet Showbiz** (2354) **11.30 NBA Raw** (81083) **12.30am Film: The Kill Off** (518652) **2.25 Diwedd** (636039) **4.00 Ysgolion** (3063958)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (60441)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (72199)

9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (11915)

9.30 Schools: Geography Junction (4374335) **9.45** Book Box (4302118) **10.00** Stage Two Science (1793737) **10.15** Schools at Work (2544880) **10.20** Off the Walls (1498985) **10.40** The English Programme (7234354) **11.05** Encyclopedia Galactica (2335538) **11.15** The Mix (1305083) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4597731) **11.45** Living and Growing (4592286)

12.00 Members Only The English Civil War Society (1/6) (r) (T) (91151)

12.30pm Light Lunch (5784422)

1.45 The Golden Salamander (1950, b/w) starring Trevor Howard. An archaeologist becomes involved with gun-runners. Directed by Ronald Neame (T) (58874083) FILM

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (444) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (199) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6131441) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (5323809) **5.30** Animal Passions (T) (335)

6.00 Home Improvement (248)

6.30 Hollyoaks The first of four nightly episodes of the teen soap (T) (828)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (409248)

7.50 Sonnets in the City Shakespearean sonnets (1/5) (T) (588170)

8.00 Dosh Adam Faith with more financial advice, including whether a lump sum should be invested or used to pay off the mortgage; how to reduce the weekly shopping bill and designer fashions at low prices (2/8) (T) (9422)

Wendy Turner presents (8.30pm)

8.30 Absolutely Animals Includes Mark Evans at a reptile rescue unit and Wendy Turner makes a return visit to Burstow Wildlife Sanctuary (T) (8557)

9.00 CHOICE **The Good Life** The last in the series about families who left the rat race for a rural life (T) (6828)

10.00 Dark Skies Off-beat sci-fi drama series (T) (9915)

11.00 Cheers Frasier doesn't come up to scratch when he becomes a children's entertainer (r) (T) (2354)

11.30 NBA Finals Utah Jazz v the Chicago Bulls (517199)

12.35am NYPD Blue: The Bank Dick A terminally ill infant proves to be the link between Simone, Sipowicz and a serial rapist (r) (T) (6013316)

1.30 NYPD Blue: ADA Sipowicz Sipowicz capitalises on a case of mistaken identity (r) (T) (8761519)

2.25 Broadway Stories: The Old Doll's House (r) (T) (6366942)

3.00 The Heroin Wars The Burmese opium trade (1/3) (r) (T) (1771720)

3.55 Michelangelo Animation (19474300)

4.00 Schools *Off Limits*: Talking about sex (463958)

5.10 Satellites of the Sun (T) (1835233)

5.25-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (8686710)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News Early (3656129)

7.30 Havakazoo (3514267) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8723267)

8.30 WideWorld Sinan, a 16th-century engineer created some of the finest buildings of the Ottoman Empire (8722538)

9.00 Espresso (6595034) **10.00** Exclusive! (1619335) **10.30** Attractions (r) (8735002)

11.00 Leeza (1949170) **11.50** Double Espresso (13797737) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8726354) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (6860575)

1.00 5 News (52984373) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (9890809) **2.00** 5's Company (8447809)

3.30 Bridesmaids (1989) with Shelley Hack and Stephanie Faracy. Drama about four women brought together for the first time in years at a friend's wedding. Directed by Lila Garrett (1314170) FILM

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (99902422)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7218489)

6.00 Whittle (T) (7208002)

6.30 Family Affairs The Hart household is troubled by the bad atmosphere between Chris and Anne (T) (7299354)

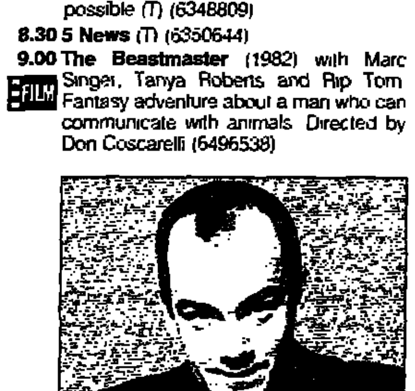
7.00 Exclusive! Showbiz news (6362489)

7.30 Land of the Lion: The Fall and Rise of the Elephant Marsh A documentary examining a vast primeval marsh in Malawi, home of the versatile Senna fisherman (T) (7295538)

8.00 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell assists a couple looking for a larger home with room in the garden to house their canine companions. Plus advice on making the moving process as stress free as possible (T) (6348809)

8.30 5 News (T) (6350644)

9.00 The Beastmaster (1982) with Marc Singer, Tanya Roberts and Rip Torn. Fantasy adventure about a man who can communicate with animals. Directed by Don Coscarelli (6496538) FILM



Jack Docherty entertains (11.00pm)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Late night chat and comedy (6166083)

11.45 We Know Where You Live Irreverent sketch show (5985557)

12.15am Live and Dangerous Includes the best extreme sports action from the 1996 Summer X-Games (92788861)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Tori is taken into hospital (3502316)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5040949)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (738847) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (47002) **10.00** Another World (99880) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (19644) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (69064) **1.00pm** Geraldo (78712) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (75712) **3.00** Jenny Jones (85538) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (97373) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1809) **6.00** Real TV (7199) **6.30** Married — with Children (1151) **7.00** The Simpsons (2538) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7335) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (17625) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (37489) **10.00** Nash Bridges (15408) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (34539) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (85584) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (46107) **1.00** Hit Mix (1588749)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4085199) **7.30** Superboy (8582199) **8.00** Concealed Enemies Part One (6256809) **10.00** Profit (6268644) **11.00** Late Show with Letterman (7593170) **12.00** Hit Mix (2676126)

SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

6.00am Walk Like a Man (1987) (82880) **7.30 Heck's Way Home (1996)** (10354) **9.30 War of the Buttons (1994)** (76335) **11.30 While You Were Sleeping (1995)** (32267) **1.30pm Season of Change (1994)** (74828) **3.30 The Skateboard Kid (1993)** (33996) **5.00 Heck's Way Home (1996)** (36248) **7.00 War of the Buttons (1994)** (95793) **9.00 While You Were Sleeping (1995)** (83361286) **10.45 Panther (1995)** (204847) **12.45am Vanishing Son (1994)** (847836) **2.20 Thin Ice (1995)** (277200) **3.55 Fall Time (1995)** (12362284)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am 3.10 to Yuma (1957) (69460) **8.00 Alone in the Woods (1995)** (64606) **10.00 Holiday (1937)** (82915) **12.00 Woman of Straw (1964)** (87557) **2.00pm Lucky Me (1954)** (12170) **4.00 Mister Dog (1995)** (7083) **6.00 Alone in the Woods (1995)** (22783) **7.30 Behind-the-Scenes: Murder at 1600** (3373) **8.00 Criminal Passion (1995)** (65921) **10.00 Alistair MacLean's Night Watch (1995)** (115441) **11.40 Phantasm III (1994)** (518793) **1.10am Dark Secrets (1995)** (948045) **2.45 Pummaro (1994)** (881652) **4.25 Peter-No-Tail (1983)** (274294)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Angel Face (1953) (9054335) **8.00 Hell Is for Heroes (1962)** (9059880) **10.00 Colors (1988)** (74196557) **12.05am Midnight Run (1988)** (25635497) **2.10 Defenseless (1991)** (3687958) **3.55-5.40 The Bargee (1964)** (2166126)

TNT

9.00pm The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964) (85956183) **11.15 Alfred the Great (1969)** (75749286) **1.30am The Phantom of Hollywood (1974)** (36504749) **2.45-5.00 The Yellow Rolls-Royce (1964)** (19967213)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am World Sports Special (36335) **7.30** Watersports World (56489) **8.30** Racing News (56825) **9.00** Football: Tournoi de France (69248) **10.00** Grand Prix Sailing (44354) **11.00** Live Super League. World Club Championship (99557) **12.30pm** Drag Racing (87083) **1.00** Football: Tournoi de France (82538) **2.00** Superbikes (67644) **4.00** Super League World Club Championship (8847) **6.00** Sports Centre (5373) **6.30** High Five (6825) **7.00** Live Super League World Club Championship (550996) **10.00** Sports Centre (51170) **10.30** Tiger Woods Profile (31712) **11.30** World Motor Sport (64793) **1.30am** Sports Centre (89584) **2.00** Super League World Club Championship (41887) **3.30-4.00** Sports Centre (91958)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 US Golf: Kemper Open (38678557) **3.00pm** European PGA Golf: European Grand Prix (34015793) **5.30** Grand Prix Sailing (41476151) **6.00** The Winning Post: Live Horse Racing (39426538) **8.00** Golf (39427267) **9.00** International Cricket: Ashes Tour (39420354) **11.00-11.30** Grand Prix Sailing (88545737)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Football (41557) **8.30** Motorcycling (69335) **10.00** Football (98199) **12.00** Athletics (91286) **1.00pm** Triathlon (77606) **2.00** Football (15354) **3.00** Football (44199) **5.00** Speedworld (66002) **7.00** Football (41267) **9.00** Football (43064) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker (49731)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (4088557) **7.35** Neighbours (5170426) **8.00** Crossroads (7162118) **8.25** EastEnders (2472354) **9.00** The Bill (5114847) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (5687996) **10.00** Duty Free (2268712) **10.30** The Sullivans (5103731) **11.00** Casualty (83502489) **12.05pm** Crossroads (88018199) **12.30** Neighbours (5881712) **1.00** EastEnders (3722170) **1.35** Dick Emery (68054996) **2.05** A Diddy Bit of Dodd (96937016) **2.15** Fairly Secret Army (8074642) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6249793) **3.30** The Bill (2259977) **4.00** Boon (7649977) **5.00** Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game (81911557) **6.05** EastEnders (9608098) **6.40** Sykes (2875575) **7.20** Dr Who: The Ark in Space (3378606) **7.50** Only When I Laugh (9730002) **8.30** Wowfabgroovy (9631267) **9.00** The Bill (7678489) **9.30** Casualty (44719828) **10.35** Minder (9615183) **11.35** Spitting Image (5589422) **12.05am** Colditz (1868923) **1.00 FILM: Czech Mate** (93392565) **2.20** Shopping (64720958)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (7739793) **7.00** Coronation St (4187847) **7.30** Families (4166354) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (3091064) **9.00** The Professionals (6929118) **10.00** The Gentle Touch (4182538) **11.00** London's Burning (4175002) **12.00** Coronation St (8371712) **12.30pm** Families (6472199) **1.00** Second Thoughts (4186118) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (6464170) **2.00** Surprise, Surprise (6912267) **3.00** The Gentle Touch (7726996) **4.00** The Professionals (7738731) **5.00** London's Burning (2604996) **6.00** Families (8636847) **6.30** Coronation St (8627199) **7.00** The Gentle Touch (2068335) **8.00** The Professionals (2077083) **9.00** Coronation St (7734915) **9.30** The Comedians (6452335) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (2067606)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Mouse Tracks (9084170) **6.25** Quack Attack (9070977) **6.50** Bonkers (4095373) **7.15** Little Mermaid (6317286) **7.40** Aladdin (9110644) **8.05** Quack Pack (3662731) **8.30** Goof Troop (89977) **9.00** Care Bears (3495064) **9.25** Under the Umbrella Tree (3414199) **9.50** Muppet Babies (6300151) **10.15** Groundling Marsh (1240489) **10.40** Sing Me a Story (8811847) **11.05** Microscopic Milton (9706441) **11.10** Big Garage (8340335) **11.25** Pooh Corner (2146828) **11.55** Fraggle Rock (1784977) **12.20pm** Mouse Tracks (3068606) **12.45** Timon and Pumbaa (98673151) **1.00** Boy Meets World (82081460) **1.25** Bonkers (96525915) **1.50** Quack Pack (52372064) **2.15** Aladdin (89594335) **2.40** Care Bears (9591880) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4181813) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9346480) **3.40** Goof Troop Double Bill (2925335) **4.30** Every Day's a Chooseday (4422) **5.00** Aladdin (7478880) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9318809) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (521977) **6.00** New Doug (5915) **6.30** Boy Meets World (6267) **7.00** Brotherly Love (2034) **7.30 FILM: Hero in the Family** (30170) **9.00** Bone Chillers (64083) **9.30-10.00** Life's Work (30199)

A profile of golfer Tiger Woods (Sky Sports 1, 10.30pm)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (2811460) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (5216199) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (7584422) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (7503557) **8.00** Beetleborgs (9253880) **8.30** Crocadoo (9252151) **9.00** Rimbaus Island (5211170) **9.20** The Magic Box (5893002) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (9022151) **10.05** Rimbaus Island (1649373) **10.25** The Magic Box (9427199) **11.00** Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol (9481083) **11.30** Pinocchio (9482712) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (9263267) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (77693170) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (77680606) **1.10** Beetleborgs (25205880) **1.30** Eek! (5976536) **2.00** Life with Louie (4074083) **2.30** Crocadoo (8561606) **3.00** Gadget Boy (4093118) **3.30** Eek! (8566151) **4.00** Life with Louie (8585286) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (8574170) **5.00** Beetleborgs (4065335) **5.30** Spiderman (8565422) **6.00** X Men (8562335) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (8586915)

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6.00am Iznogoud (12354) **6.30** Danger Mouse (33373) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (64731) **7.30** The Tick (50538) **8.00** Batman (86880) **8.30** Art Attack (85151) **9.00** Art Attack (16101) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (12793) **10.00** Gravedale High (24625) **10.30** Flash Gordon (16186) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (57793) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (58422) **12.00** Gravedale High (96267) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (23809) **1.00** Batman (63002) **1.30** Dangermouse (15880) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (2712) **2.30** Flash Gordon (6660) **3.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (1047) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (9977) **4.00** The Tick (1712) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (7996)

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6.00am Count Duckula (74170) **6.30** Rocko (36847) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (34977) **7.30** Rugrats (46712) **8.00** Doug (55996) **8.30** Arthur (54267) **9.00** CBBC (78847) **9.30** CBBC (81809) **10.00** Wimzie's House (27199) **10.30** Babar (67731) **11.00** Magic School Bus (42847) **11.30** Mr Men/Victor and Maria/Barney/Lizzie's Library/Bod/Jimbo and Thi (10248) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (58083) **12.30pm** Richard Scarry (85625) **1.00** CBBC (33248) **1.30** CBBC (84996) **2.00** Dr Seuss (4538) **2.30** Arthur (2286) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (6373) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (7731) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (3538) **4.30** Rugrats (2422) **5.00** Sister Sister (8118) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (6002) **6.00** Alex Mack (3915) **6.30-7.00** Doug (4267)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (5695915) **1.00pm** Madison (3448915) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (5675151) **2.00** Hangtime (3527064) **2.30** California Dreams (2272828) **3.00** Byker Grove (9546199) **3.30** Blast (2277373) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (2256880) **4.30** Hangtime (2252084) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (9541644) **5.30** California Dreams (2278644) **6.00** Byker Grove (2273557) **6.30** Madison (2264809) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (6645373)

BRAVO

8.00pm New Twilight Zone (9547828) **8.30** Twisted (9526335) **9.00** Burning Zone (6641557) **10.00** Tour of Duty (6644644) **11.00 FILM: Dangaio** (1106650) **1.00am** Burning Zone (8933590) **2.00** Tour of Duty (4840300) **3.00 FILM: Dangaio** (2893381) **5.00** Starsky and Hutch (1155478)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (8354) **7.30** Roseanne (3151) **8.00** E UK (7002) **8.30** Almost Perfect (3809) **9.00** Cheers (22083) **9.30** Cybill (98719) **10.00** Frasier (59712) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (68460) **11.00** In Bed with MeDinner (890165) **11.25** Robin (992286) **11.30** Nightstand (31625) **12.30am** Sledgehammer! (71861) **1.00** Cheers (48749) **1.30** Cybill (87126) **2.00** E UK (16213) **2.30** In Bed with MeDinner (95720) **3.00** Frasier (51213) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (19300)

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8.00pm Sightings (8371267) **9.00** Sightings (8384731) **10.00** SF Scene (3729511) **10.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (8841267) **11.30** 40 Years of Hammer (5927712) **11.55** Earthscan (1748624) **12.00** Nightmare Cafe (7618671) **1.00am** Twilight Zone (3548861) **1.30** One Step Beyond (2275836) **2.00** Friday the 13th (8649132) **3.00** Dark Shadows (2682300)

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DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Extremists (2269354) **4.30** Roadshow (2265538) **5.00** Time Travellers (9554118) **5.30** Justice Files (2289118) **6.00** Deadly Season (5697373) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (9534354) **7.30** Disaster (2266267) **8.00** History's Turning Points (9543002) **8.30** Crocodile Hunters (9539809) **9.00** Lonely Planet (6647731) **10.00** Superhuman! (6657118) **11.00** Strike Command (3438538) **12.00** First Flights (8221364) **12.30am** Wars in Peace (7494861) **1.00** Disaster (2653958) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (4950382)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (7361489) **5.00** Hollywood (1517083) **6.00** Our Century 1945-1958 (3837557) **7.00-8.00** Biography. Edgar Allen Poe (8395847)

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UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (25272625) **9.05** Gladrags and Glamour (1013915) **9.15** Gordon Elliott (9756426) **10.05** Jerry Springer (4371118) **10.55** Shopping Emporium (41333267) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9349538) **11.50** Brookside (5889002) **12.25pm** Why Me? Real Life Case Studies (35976267) **12.55** Tempestt (7890151) **1.40** Rolonda (2283625) **2.30** The Agony Experience (5279267) **3.00** Live at Three (67753880) **4.05** Jerry Springer (9811118) **5.05** Lingo (52882996) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (5273083) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (9735248) **6.35** Ready, Steady, Cook (4771083) **7.05** Hearts Afire (4812557) **7.35** Brookside (2631373) **8.05** Rolonda (4450644) **9.00 FILM: Grave Secrets: The Legacy of Hilltop Drive** (71153719) **10.55** Shopping Emporium (5815335) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (5648644)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (58714286) **7.30** ZEE Presents (58793793) **8.00** Raahat (13950644) **8.25** Ek Nazar (37670538) **8.30** Out and About (92696719) **9.00 FILM: Ghrahasti** (91051915) **11.30** Kurukshetra (81908996) **12.00** Parampara (22391967) **12.30pm** Raahat (43660083) **1.00** Punjabi **FILM: Jugnie** (18814625) **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents (10895624) **4.05** Ikke Pe Ikke (66811793) **4.35** Hum Panch (79878267) **5.00** Zone Time (30034880) **5.25** Teer Kamaan (90063460) **6.00** Usha Uthup Show (16835083) **6.25** Ek Nazar (28000151) **6.30** ZEE and You (24819151) **7.00** Video Countdown (11622373) **8.00** News and Euronews (79068880) **8.35** Sailaab (66779511) **9.05** Hindi **FILM: Hukumnamma** (14261002) **11.30-12.00** Shoe Chale Chhe? (24860644)

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Savers bonuses to fund cost of mis-selling

By Caroline Merrell and Marianne Curphey

HUNDREDS of thousands of life insurance policyholders face bonus cuts and reduced returns on their savings because they are being forced to foot the bill for the pensions mis-selling scandal.

They are paying for the legacy of bad pensions advice in the late 1980s when up to 1.5 million people were persuaded by life insurance companies to leave their employers' pension schemes for more expensive personal pensions instead.

About 500,000 of the most urgent transfer cases may each be owed £7,000 compensation on average from the life insurance companies. Now these same companies are charging most of the costs of compensation to existing policyholders' own funds.

With the total costs of compensation expected to reach more than £4 billion, some analysts believe bonus rates on with-profits life insurance and pension funds will have to be cut to account for the compensation costs — hitting savers for a second time.

Rates have already fallen over the past few years, despite record returns from the UK stock market. The compensation costs only add to insurers' problems, and come at a time when company actuaries are exercising a new caution, having overpaid on bonuses in the 1980s.

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers, which represents the majority of UK life insurers, said: "Across the industry as a whole, the bulk of the compensation cost is falling to policyholders and not shareholders."

Many life companies have charged compensation costs to their with-profits funds which represent their policyholders' savings. For shareholder-owned insurers, this means that shareholders are largely sheltered from the financial burden of the personal pensions fiasco.

Although insurance companies have made large provisions for the cost of compensation and for paying teams of actuaries and lawyers to research each case, so far only 1 per cent of those affected have been compensated.

Standard Life, one of the biggest pensions companies in Europe, says it has only a small number of pensions transfer cases to sort out. Tom King, a Standard Life director, said: "It is very important that the industry spreads the costs over a long period, so the bill does not fall to a single generation of policyholders. Our exposure is relatively small, but we are still spending £3 million a year on maintaining a team of 80 researchers. Other insurance companies have a much bigger compensation bill and research teams and that cost will have to be passed on."

Prudential Corporation, the UK's biggest insurance company, said the costs of compensating policyholders would have no effect on the returns it could give its customers. Prudential's compensation bill is expected to reach £200 million, relatively modest compared to its with-profits fund of £40 billion.

Four days ago, *The Times* revealed how Prudential policyholders would bear the £2.7 million cost of rewarding direct sales staff who had to be retested after City watchdogs criticised training standards.

Granada 'close' to Yorkshire TV bid

By Marianne Curphey

GRANADA'S long-awaited takeover bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television could come as early as this week when the three-month bid moratorium ends on Friday.

The two sides are believed to be close to starting negotiations, although the bid price is likely to be a sticking point. Ward Thomas, chairman of Yorkshire, will want a price above last week's closing price of 1107½p. Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada, has indicated that he is not prepared to overpay. The Yorkshire television company is currently valued at £614 million. A bid premium of 25 per cent would value the company at almost £770 million.

Granada publishes interim figures this week, with analysts predicting pre-tax pre-exceptional profit in the £235 million to £240 million range for the six months to March 31, against £183.3 million a year ago.

Granada has a 27 per cent stake in Yorkshire. United News & Media, which owns the Meridian and Anglian television franchises, has also built a 15 per cent stake.

Meanwhile, Granada confirmed yesterday that it is to sell the historic Brown's Hotel in London, which first opened in 1837, to Raffles, the luxury Singapore hotel, for £45 million. This represents a premium to book value of £5.6 million.

The deal was signed on Friday between Richard Helfer, president and chief operating officer of Raffles Holdings, which is owned by DBS Land, and Graham Parrott, group commercial director representing the Granada Group.

Granada is close to selling two more Exclusive hotels, including the Ritz in Madrid and the Hotel de la Tremoille in Paris. The deals are expected to raise about £70 million.

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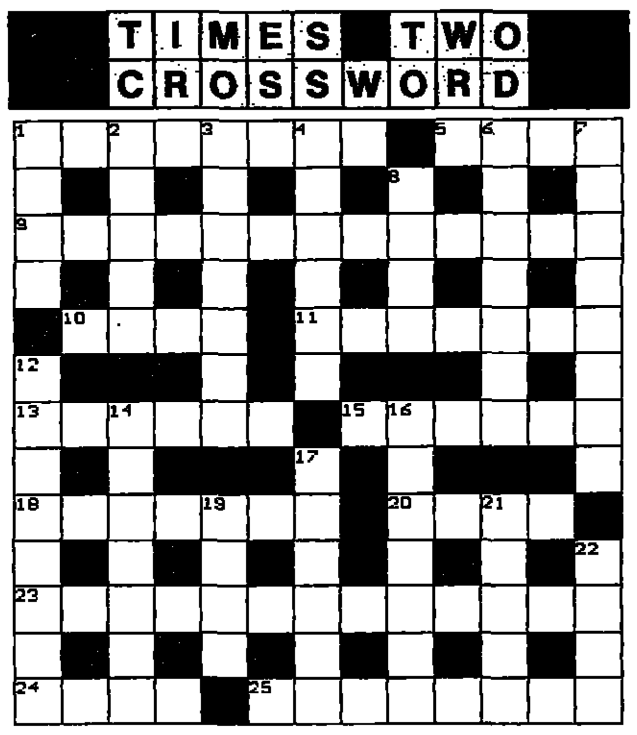

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1 Task; concern (8)
5 He stole Naboth's vineyard (*I Kings*) (4)
9 Shepherd's delight (3,3,2,5)
10 Make (one's way) (4)
11 Escape; pull the other one! (3,4)
13 Without exception (6)
15 Ancient Egypt. documents (6)
18 Fine rain (7)
20 Northern brook; may go with *call* (4)
23 No place like it (*J H Payne*) (4,5,4)
24 Animal; £25 (4)
25 Lock up (8)

DOWN
1 Part of tree; scrape (shin) (4)
2 Move sideways (5)
3 In unconcealed fashion (7)
4 With rough coat (6)
6 Public road (7)
7 Piecemeal (3,2,3)
8 Weave wool (4)
12 Privation, suffering (8)
14 *Leaves of Grass* poet (7)
16 Judge (7)
17 Ancient hymn of thanks (2,4)
19 Enthusiasm; rind (4)
21 Angry; thwart (5)
22 Enthusiastic (4)

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Bernie Ecclestone faces problems over the £1.5bn flotation of Formula One Holdings

TV dispute threatening to delay Ecclestone flotation

By Marianne Curphey

NEW doubts have arisen over the £1.5 billion flotation of Formula One Holdings, with suggestions that it could be delayed after today's meeting of its investment bank advisers.

The latest threat comes from a legal dispute in Germany over the company's television rights that looks unlikely to be resolved in time to allow the float to proceed next month. The company yesterday conceded that the complexity of the deal meant any timetable was still provisional.

At the same time, it has emerged that Bernie Ecclestone, the Grand Prix promoter and Formula One's biggest shareholder, paid himself £54 million in the last full financial year, according to reports at the weekend.

Advisers to Formula One insisted the flotation could still proceed on schedule. "We are on track to go ahead before the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 13, although it is possible the timing could shift", an insider said.

Executives are meeting today at Salomon Brothers, the company's advisers, to decide whether to postpone flotation until September.

Institutional investors are believed to have insisted that the company should obtain legal confirmation that its complex television rights do not infringe competition laws.

Should the flotation go ahead, it will make the Ecclestone family worth between £750 million and £1 billion.

CBI warns Blair over effect on jobs of EU treaty

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Confederation of British Industry has privately warned the Government that a new European Union agreement to be signed next week could hit *Britain with Europe's job* problems.

The CBI says that the new measures could be far more damaging than the EU social chapter, which the Government is set to sign. In the same confidential document, the CBI privately acknowledges — for the first time, and after much vocal opposition — that the social chapter will not cause serious damage to British industry.

Ministers will next week join counterparts from other EU countries in a special European summit, in Amsterdam, to consider recommendations for a new governing treaty for the EU. This will replace the deal made five years ago at Maastricht. Business leaders in Britain are pressing the Government on key measures to promote job growth, to complete the EU single market and to improve the EU's governing institutions.

In a private briefing document presented to Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, which has been seen by *The Times*, CBI leaders urge the Government not to agree to any measures damaging British competitiveness and employment. The CBI's proposals are in line with the emphasis on labour market flexibility being promoted by Mr Blair in Europe.

Labour market inefficiencies in Europe, such as high non-wage labour costs, limits on flexible working and high minimum wages, are leading to high structural unemployment, the CBI says. Such inefficiencies are already driving businesses to invest outside the EU, and leading to excessive use of short-term contracts, as in Spain, the CBI says.

The CBI says that giving the EU new powers on such issues at Amsterdam "carries the danger that national inefficiencies could be transferred across Europe". The "imperative" of labour market reform at national level "must not be thwarted by misplaced EU action which adds to rigidities and costs".

Britain is set to join other EU countries at the Inter-Governmental Conference in agreeing to a new employment chapter, and is to reverse the *previous* UK Government's opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty.

The CBI's confidential IGC document recognises the Government's commitment, and for the first time says that it has "always recognised that the measures introduced to date will not have a major adverse impact on business". Nevertheless, the CBI urges Mr Blair to include in the Amsterdam treaty "a declaration of the importance of flexible labour markets and respect for competitiveness" because these are the keys to job creation.

Although completing the single market can be done under existing treaty provisions, the CBI says, the IGC should also aim to eliminate continuing barriers to trade and to liberalise protected markets.

The Amsterdam treaty should contain a new declaration on the even enforcement of single market measures, for which, the CBI says, "resources and political will are frequently lacking".

Welcoming EU liberalisation changes in energy, telecommunications and transport, business leaders reject the idea of an energy chapter in the Amsterdam treaty as opening the door to anti-competitive intervention.

The CBI rejects the blanket extension of EU qualified majority voting, but says that it should be extended to areas that are "essential" for the completion and effective working of the single market.

The Institute of Directors will today give warning that the Government's opt-in to the social chapter will lead to increased power and influence for the trade unions. The IoD says: "Such legislation can only discourage firms from taking on more employees and creating jobs."

☐ Manufacturing companies cut their spending on innovation in 1996, the CBI says today, but non-manufacturing firms increased it.

Camelot looks at loyalty

By Jon Ashworth

CAMELOT was back on the defensive this weekend, within hours of settling a damaging row with the Government over "fat cat" pay.

The lottery operator is considering a loyalty bonus scheme for employees, in the hope of preventing staff defections in the run up to 2001, when Camelot's contract comes up for renewal. Sir George Russell, the chairman, has conceded that payments under the scheme will need to be sizeable to be effective.

Sir George said: "My biggest job is not to win the next franchise but to work out how to keep people in the company until we get there. We have got to come up with a loyalty bonus that encourages staff to stay until the end. It can't be that small or people would go and get other jobs."

His comments, coming hard on the furore over directors' pay, will be seen as provocative. Camelot's directors have consistently underestimated public feeling over their pay and bonuses, and are seeking a period of calm in which to regroup.

The showdown over pay was sparked by the leaking of Camelot's financial results, which showed that Tim Holley, chief executive, was paid £590,000 last year. After a bruising row with Chris Smith, the National Heritage secretary, the Camelot directors have agreed to donate token sums from their next tranche of long-term bonuses, payable in the autumn.

Camelot moved yesterday to play down the fresh controversy. A spokesman said: "There are no further bonuses in place at this stage or planned, full stop." Morale among Camelot's 650 staff has plummeted since the row over "fat cat" pay erupted.

CWC in £50m campaign

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All eyes: Graham Wallace with Cable and Wireless poster

CABLE and Wireless Communications, the telephone and multimedia group created in April, is today launching a marketing campaign that is expected to cost £50 million or more by the end of the year.

The campaign, one of the biggest ever, is designed to make Cable and Wireless a well-known consumer brand across a range of products, including cable TV, cable telephony and phone and Internet services. CWC was formed from a merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. Cable and Wireless owns about 53 per cent of the £4 billion group, of which Graham Wallace is chief executive.

The Mercury name is to disappear, even though Mercury, the main competitor to British Telecom, is well known. Dick Brown, C&W's chief executive, wants CWC to have a fresh image and is conscious that Mercury made only a small dent in BT.

'Aggressive' Virgin Direct criticised

By Nathan Yates

RICHARD BRANSON'S Virgin Direct has come under fire for an aggressive marketing campaign for personal equity plans which, critics say, threatens to bring the fund management industry into disrepute.

The campaign aims to persuade holders of existing Peps to transfer their money to Virgin and claims that up to 90 per cent of Pep customers are victims of poor investment performance and uncompetitive charges. It brands 24 rival funds as "superdogs" that have failed to give value in the short, medium or long term.

The move, unprecedented in Pep marketing, has brought a furious reaction from other Pep providers. They claim Virgin's attack on its competitors will damage the sector's integrity.

"This marketing strategy damages the image of the industry as a whole and could bring it into disrepute," said Paul Kafka, of Fidelity. Rob Page, of Hill Samuel, said: "This is extremely misleading and quite frankly irresponsible on Virgin's part."

Virgin's opponents object to Virgin's promise of a free transfer from their existing peps. Pep providers also claimed that Virgin's "superdogs" list distorts performance data by running together very different types of fund.

Many of the Peps on Virgin's list are provided by leading fund managers, including Fidelity, Invesco, Hill Samuel, GT, Mercury, Henderson, John Govett and Save & Prosper. Tony Wood, of Virgin, said his campaign upheld the interests of investors.

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